

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Bevan's Future

THE British Labour Party has "disowned" Mr Aneurin Bevan for his general rebelliousness and specifically for his open challenge to Mr Attlee on the H-Bomb in the defence debate in the House of Commons a fortnight ago. But the act of disowning or "withdrawing the whip" was not the most drastic action that could have been taken. Perhaps the most damning would have been the recommendation for his expulsion by the Labour Party National Executive. It would then have been difficult for the Executive to have done otherwise than to comply.

The stand taken by the Shadow Cabinet rather suggested that they wanted to take only nominal (yet apparently severe) disciplinary measures against the rebel leader by excluding him from the Labour ranks for a period of months, as it did in 1939 when he openly urged a combined Socialist-Communist front against Fascism. Undoubtedly, under the influence of Mr Attlee, the right-wing Party leaders realised the possible consequences of recommending any extreme action. Mr Bevan's fate will now be decided by the National Executive. The next question therefore is: Will Mr Bevan be expelled?

ANY attempt to eradicate Bevanism from the Labour Party could possibly lead to the creation of a splinter group—that already exists—but the disastrous division of Labour into two separate and distinct parties; for it is hard to imagine that Mr Bevan would forsake politics merely because of his expulsion. And he knows that many of the local constituency Labour parties are in sympathy with him. These considerations would therefore tend to militate against any move to cleanse the party ranks of the dissidents. It may thus be found that the right-wing will "scotch the snake, not kill it." Political considerations here dictate that the party machine cannot adopt steamroller tactics.

IT is paramount in the present-day party system that obedience must be virtually absolute for the sake of survival. Only a small degree of flexibility is permissible. This has come to be accepted in the evolution of the modern party system as an essential prerequisite to stability.

The idea that a party is bound together by an extremely high sense of individual loyalty and a very large degree of unanimous agreement can be accepted only where the principle of strict obedience within the party is itself accepted. This "regimentation" of major party groups is recognised as an essential feature of Parliamentary systems the world over. It is the foundation of political unity and solidarity. In a Democracy, the degree of regimentation that should be applied at any one time, however, is difficult to assess. And this appears to be Labour's problem at the present.

Certainly it may be argued that the Party has left its disciplinary action against Mr Bevan far too late. And the Party is being shaken very severely by the stresses that have divided it again and again in recent months. Even though Mr Bevan may be disowned or ostracised, if he is allowed to remain within the party, at best the right-wing can claim that a major crisis has been temporarily averted. In that event, the breach would continue unhealed and further serious stresses could be expected.

# New Labour Party Brand New Comet

## Crisis Threat

### MR BEVAN'S LIEUTENANTS MAY QUIT

#### 42 Slain In Ambush

Djakarta, Mar. 17. Forty policemen and two women were killed in the South Celebes on Tuesday last when their truck was ambushed by some 100 armed men, it was stated here today.

#### Larry Adler Coming To Hongkong

Paris, Mar. 17. American mouth-organ virtuoso Larry Adler left here today for his London headquarters to pick up 150 harmonicas which he will take with him on a three-month concert tour of the Far East beginning in Karachi on April 1.

Mr Adler said he anticipated a serious excess air baggage problem because of the long tour in various climates which required a large stock of spare instruments.

He said, "The tropics are murder on harmonicas—the wood swells, glue melts, and metal rusts—and I calculate I may wear out 100 of them in three months in the Far East."

From Karachi, Mr Adler will fly to India to give recitals in Bombay, Calcutta, and New Delhi. His tour will also include Tokyo, Singapore, Hongkong, Manila, New Zealand, and Australia.

#### INCIDENT AT CONSULATE

San Paolo, Mar. 17. Ten members of the Japanese "Cherry Tree Suicide Club" were in gaol here today as a result of smashing furniture and typewriters yesterday in the Japanese Consulate.

About 20 members of this fanatical sect called on the consul and asked that 200 of their members should be granted facilities to return to Japan.

When the consul said this was impossible, trouble started which was only quelled by the arrival of the police.

Two members of the consulate staff were slugged and injured in the fray.—France-Press.

## Are Women A Wash-out?

Are women a wash-out? Is their proper place in the home? Is the best service they can render the community that of sticking to the task of being good wives and mothers?

In this week's Saturday Mail, Robert Pitman sets out to answer these questions—this is one bold and provocative page of reading. And there are many others in the 20-page Saturday edition, filled with the latest and best features available—bright and light reading for your week-end leisure hours.

Here are some other highlights:

- A famous "Boris" psychiatrist debunks faith healing;
- Why American servicemen want to be discharged in Europe;
- Hitler cracks down on the Cloak and Dagger Squadron.

Cartoonists Giles and Low, Jane Roberts on films current and coming, three full pages of home-side and local pictures, week-end woman's page, local and overseas sports reviews: all these are in tomorrow's China Mail.

London, Mar. 17. A fresh crisis threatened the Labour Party tonight with the expectation that some of left-winger Aneurin Bevan's lieutenants on its governing caucus, the National Executive Committee, may resign in protest if he is sacked from the Party.

Parliamentary opinion hardened tonight that the fiery Welshman, who was yesterday excluded from the parliamentary section of the Party by a 141-112 vote for defiance of its rules, will be recommended for expulsion next Wednesday when the executive considers his case.

Mr Bevan, though now an independent Socialist MP barred from taking part in the Parliamentary Labour group's activities is still a member of the 6,400,000 strong Labour movement in the country.

If the 57-year-old left winger is thrown out, five of the 28-member executive, who are his lieutenants, will decide whether to resign in protest.

They have taken no decision ahead of the event but one of the five admitted tonight that if their champion goes the possibility of at least some of the five "walking out" of the executive is "not excluded."

But some parliamentary sources prophesied this action may be forestalled by a move from a section of Labour's "Old Guard" on the executive to extend the proposed expulsion of Mr Bevan to some of his leading adherents—not necessarily all or any of those on the governing committee.—Reuter.

## New Formosa Formula Said Worked Out

Washington, Mar. 17. Mr Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, will present his Cabinet with important recommendations about Formosa and a bigger role for Australia in Western Pacific defence strategy when he returns after conferences with United States leaders, according to informed sources here.

A source in close touch with the conference said Mr Menzies regarded his Washington talks as of such importance that he thought it necessary to confer immediately with all members of his Cabinet. So he had selected March 20—the next day after his return to Canberra.

Mr Menzies saw Mr Charles Wilson, Secretary of Defence, today and discussed the military and peaceful use of atomic energy.

The Formosa recommendations were a closely guarded secret, but it was learned that they represented a completely new formula to end the Formosa crisis and ease the threat of war over the offshore islands.

Plans called for consultations with other nations in addition to Australia and the United States. It was understood that both Mr Menzies and Mr John Foster Dulles, entertained great hopes for a solution of the Formosa crisis from this formula. But it would require further delicate negotiations in private with other interested parties before details could be divulged.

#### Valuable Catch

London, Mar. 17. A female adult coelacanth was caught for the first time off the little island of Anjouan in the Comoro archipelago to the north of Madagascar today.

Scientists will welcome this catch as giving them the opportunity to solve many outstanding questions about this "living fossil", particularly regarding its methods of reproduction.

About 60 eggs were removed from the fish, which measures about six feet in length and which has been sent in perfect condition to the research station at Tannanville.

This is the fifth coelacanth caught off Anjouan.—France-Press.

#### Eden Recovering

London, Mar. 17. Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, is getting better from the attack of influenza which prevented him from visiting Turkey this week but is staying in bed, an official bulletin said today.—Reuter.

#### Why There Was No Top-Level Meeting

## Moscow Blames Churchill

Moscow, Mar. 17. Russia tonight accused Sir Winston Churchill of having "himself renounced the proposals he had made" last year for a two-power meeting between Britain and the Soviet Union.

The charge was made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which published seven letters exchanged between the British Prime Minister and the Soviet Foreign Minister, for a possible high level conference.

The Ministry said the letters were being published in connection with Sir Winston Churchill's statement to the House of Commons three days ago.

In that statement he said he had twice communicated with Mr Molotov in July of last year in a two-power meeting in a neutral capital, but his suggestion had been superseded by the Russian note of July 24 suggesting an All-European Conference on collective security.

#### "NOT EXACT TEXT"

The Soviet statement said Sir Winston Churchill had given "the content of confidential exchange of letters" between himself and Mr Molotov but had not given "the exact text."

The announcement said it was clear from the exchanges that Mr Churchill "himself renounced the proposals which he had made."

"This was done under the pretext that the Soviet Government in its note of July 24, concerning the convening of an All-European Conference on collective security in Europe, 'substituted the proposal of Mr Churchill in the eyes of the two governments.'"

"The absence of foundation for this version is evident from the fact that after the British Prime Minister had renounced a meeting of Britain and the USSR, the British government also refused to participate in the All-European Conference."

#### "NO REASON"

The announcement said that in his letter, Mr Molotov declared that there was no reason to make a two-power meeting dependent on the Soviet proposal for an All-European Conference.

It said that the results already achieved at the Geneva conference "should contribute to the regulations of other questions as well."

"From the contents of this correspondence, it is seen that Churchill in his letter of July 27 declined his own proposal of a meeting of the heads of government of Britain and the USSR which he had suggested on July 4, the announcement said."

"This was done under the excuse that the proposal of the Soviet government of July 24, calling for a general European conference on collective security in Europe allegedly took the place of the meeting, proposed by Churchill."

#### NO FOUNDATION

"The lack of foundation for this is clearly seen from the fact that after the British Premier's refusal, the British government refused to take part in the All-European Conference."

"In Mr Molotov's replies of July 31 and August 11, it was clearly pointed out that the question of a meeting of heads of the two governments should not be tied to the Soviet proposals to call an All-European Conference. The success at that time achieved at the Geneva conference should help in settling other problems.—Reuter."

#### CHINESE AS EUROPEANS

Johannesburg, Mar. 17. Chinese people in South Africa may be regarded as "Europeans" but only if they have a letter from the authorities to prove it.

Great indignation has been caused in the Union, over an incident when a girl was put off a railway bus because she was Chinese.—France-Press.

#### Gives Big Order



SIR MILES THOMAS

#### Why Were The Yalta Secrets Divulged?

## THE STATE DEPT NOT TALKING

Washington, Mar. 17. The State Department spokesman today refused to explain why the United States had revealed the Yalta documents at this time.

Correspondents at a press conference protested vigorously about arrangements made for the release of the documents and pressed Mr Suydam strongly for an explanation of the timing.

In reply, Mr Suydam said: "I think the action of the Department of State in making the Yalta documents public will have to speak for itself."

One correspondent protested immediately that the release of the documents did not speak for itself.

Parrying this and further questions on the same subject Mr Suydam said: "I can make no further comment."

#### REFUSES TO ANSWER

Mr Suydam said a limited number of copies of the documents was still available and would be sent to "interested embassies."

He refused to say whether the copies released to the press at a moment's notice last night, when the New York Times had procured a copy from some source, were the copies which had been designated for confidential distribution to Congressmen.

Correspondents demanded to know whether the State Department would conduct an investigation into the "leak" of the Yalta documents to the press but again Mr Suydam gave the questioners no satisfaction.

He said additional copies which would be made available to Congressmen were now being prepared and would be available in three or four weeks.—Reuter.

#### "Mrs Marriage" Sued

London, Mar. 17. London's "Mrs Marriage", 40-year-old Heather Cox, whose marriage bureau has helped to turn 5,000 spinsters into brides, is being sued for divorce, it was learned today.

Mrs Cox, better known as Miss Heather Henne, has been arranging marriages for more than 10 years and claims that of the thousands of marriages which were made, not in heaven but in her office, above a Bond Street tea room, only three "have become unstuck."

Recently, she wrote a book about her work called "Marriage is my business". It was a best seller and her fame spread to France. She opened a French Bureau in Paris.

The tall, (six feet) blonde matchmaker married Michael Cox, a farmer and landowner in 1942. They have two children.

In his position, Mr Cox named as co-respondent Mr Stephen Potter, author of such humorous books as "Gentlemanship". The position appears in the list of "unfortunate wives"—China Mail Special.

# Brand New Comet Airliner

## B.O.A.C. ORDER TWENTY

## Able To Fly 2,870 Miles Non-Stop

London, Mar. 17. The De Havilland Aircraft Company today announced their programme for the Comet airliner following statements made by the British government on February 16, and the deliberations which have been proceeding concerning the requirements of BOAC and the world operators.

Sir Miles Thomas has informed the Company that for their main operations of jet airliners, BOAC have decided to order a fleet of 20 of the new Mark 4 Comet aircraft, a development beyond the earlier versions, having an improved type of the Rolls Royce Avon jet engines, a redesigned fuselage, great fuel capacity and other refinements.

This is a very fast airliner of long range with a universal suitability.

The engine to be fitted in the Mark 4 Comet shows a nine per cent improvement in specific consumption and a 500-lb increase in take-off thrust.

The Mark 4 Comet will carry 58 first-class passengers on a stage-length of 2,870 miles against a 50 mph head wind.

In effect this means that BOAC will be able to fly to Johannesburg with traffic stops at Cairo and Nairobi.

There will be direct services from London to the East, to Beirut thence to Karachi, thence to Bangkok, Okinawa, Tokyo, LONDON-NEW YORK.

On the North Atlantic route the Mark 4 Comet will carry its full capacity payload from London to Gander in Newfoundland, with full reserves, thus making its application to the London-New York service an economic possibility.

The BOAC decision to concentrate on this model is made in the interests of standardization and for the timing of the Corporation's traffic development and fleet requirements. It also facilitates the De Havilland programme because it permits an earlier introduction of the advanced version of the Comet.

It makes possible the availability of a large world airline with jet propulsion at an advantageous date and with a long-range life.

This version interests carriers, including those who had ordered the Comet 3. It supercedes that model. The Comet

2, improved in accordance with the knowledge gained in the extensive work that has been done by De Havilland during the past year is now offered for those medium-range intercontinental operations for which it is eminently suited, and will be available at an earlier date than the Mark 4 Comet.

The Royal Air Force has decided to acquire Comet 2's for the high-speed operations of Transport Command, and there will be a single specification for the RAF and for other purchasers. This will embody information gained during, and since the recent inquiry. It will be subjected to repeated loading tests in the water tank and will, of course, be backed by a full civil certificate of airworthiness.

#### WELL ADVANCED

The plan now decided upon gives British civil aviation and the De Havilland Company the best possible opportunity in that advanced designs can be offered at attractive dates, yet with an unrivalled background of positive experience.

The Mark 4 Comet being a straightforward projection of the Comet 3, is well advanced in design. Already the considerable amount of ground test work and the flight trials which have continued unrelentingly since the Comet 3 first flew in July of last year have enabled the performance of the Mark 4 to be established, and its aerodynamic and handling qualities have been largely proved.—A Special Correspondent

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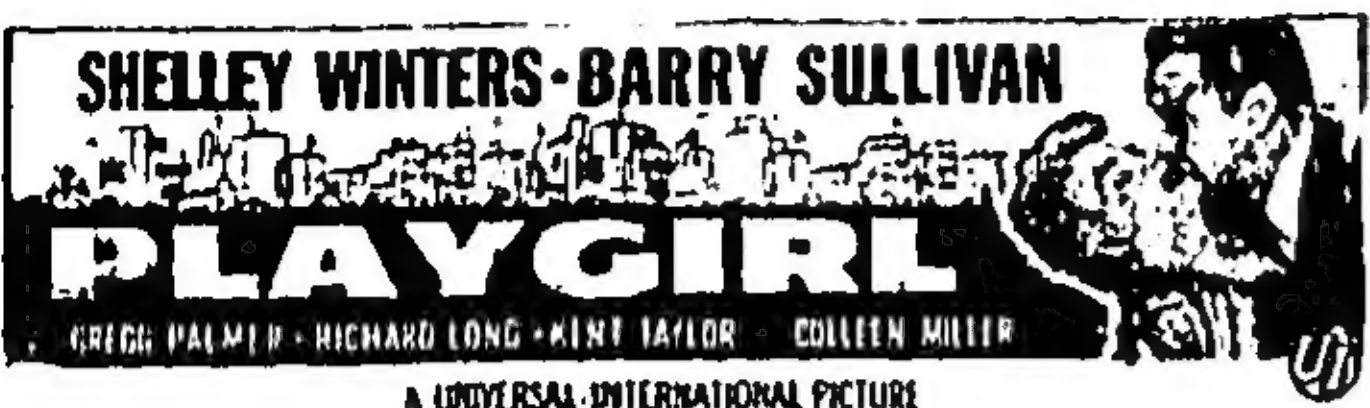
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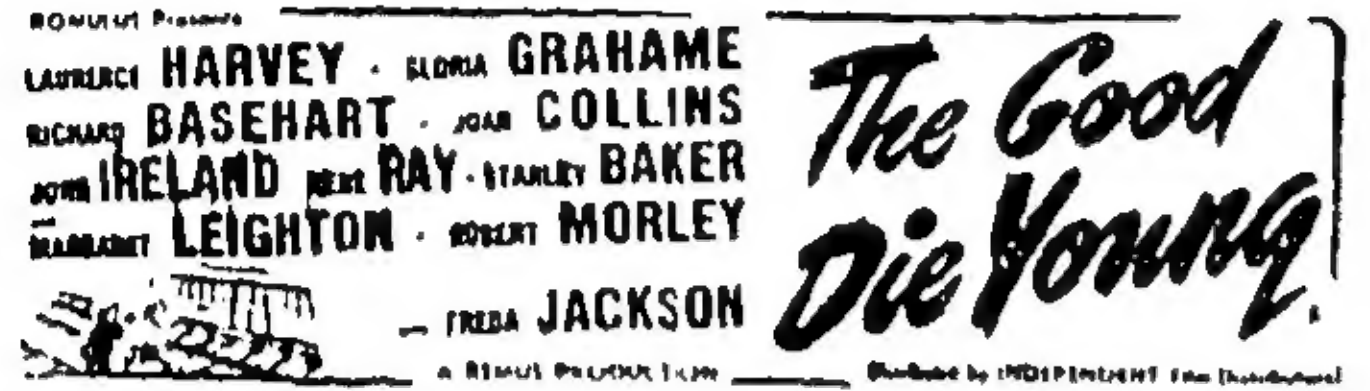
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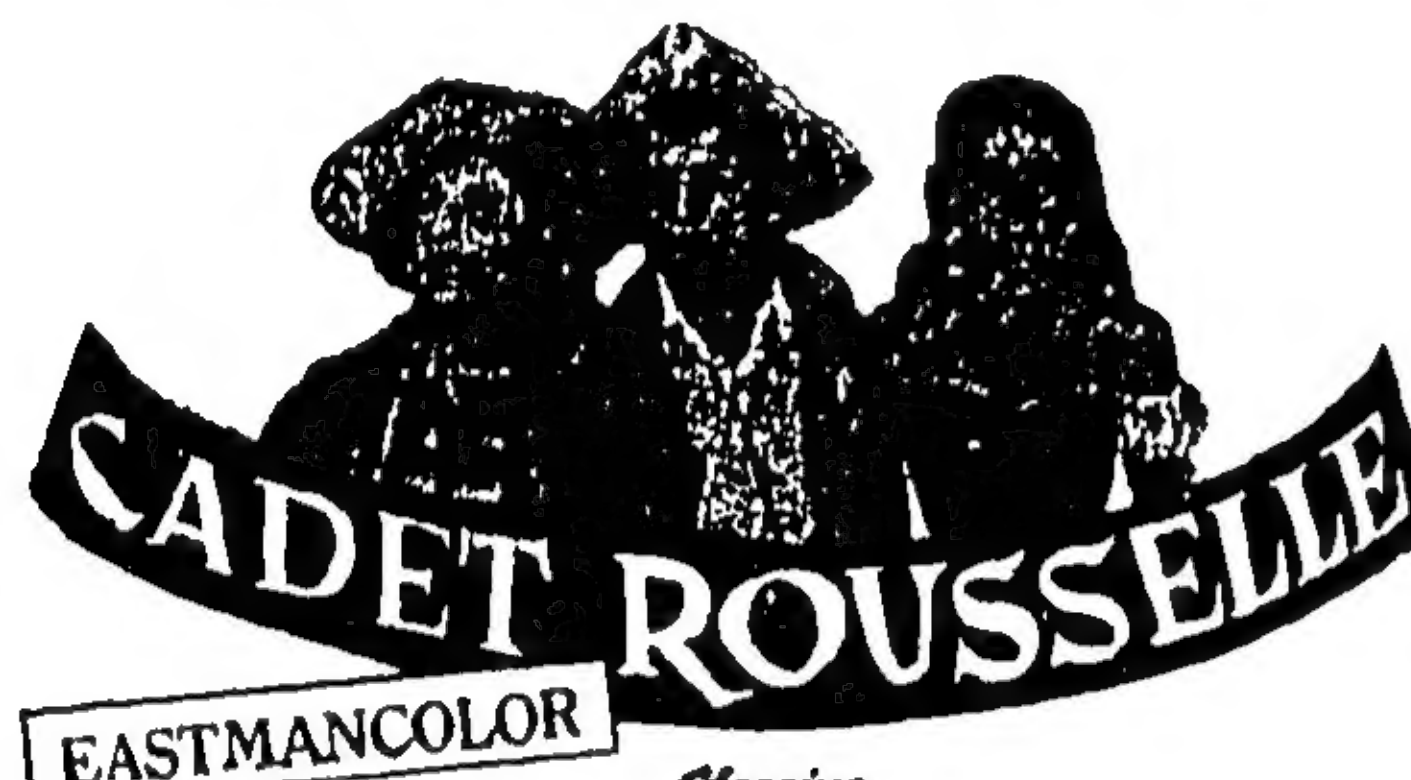
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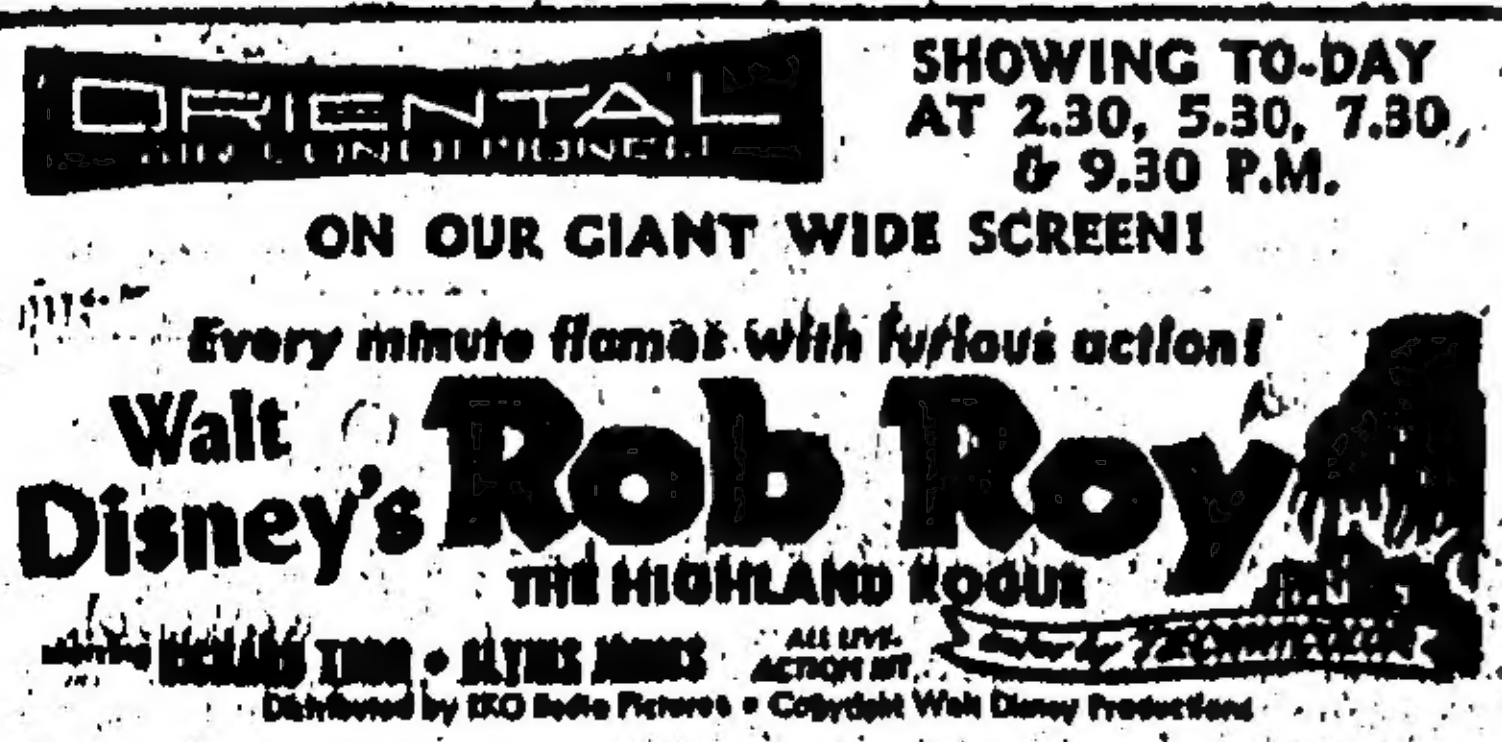
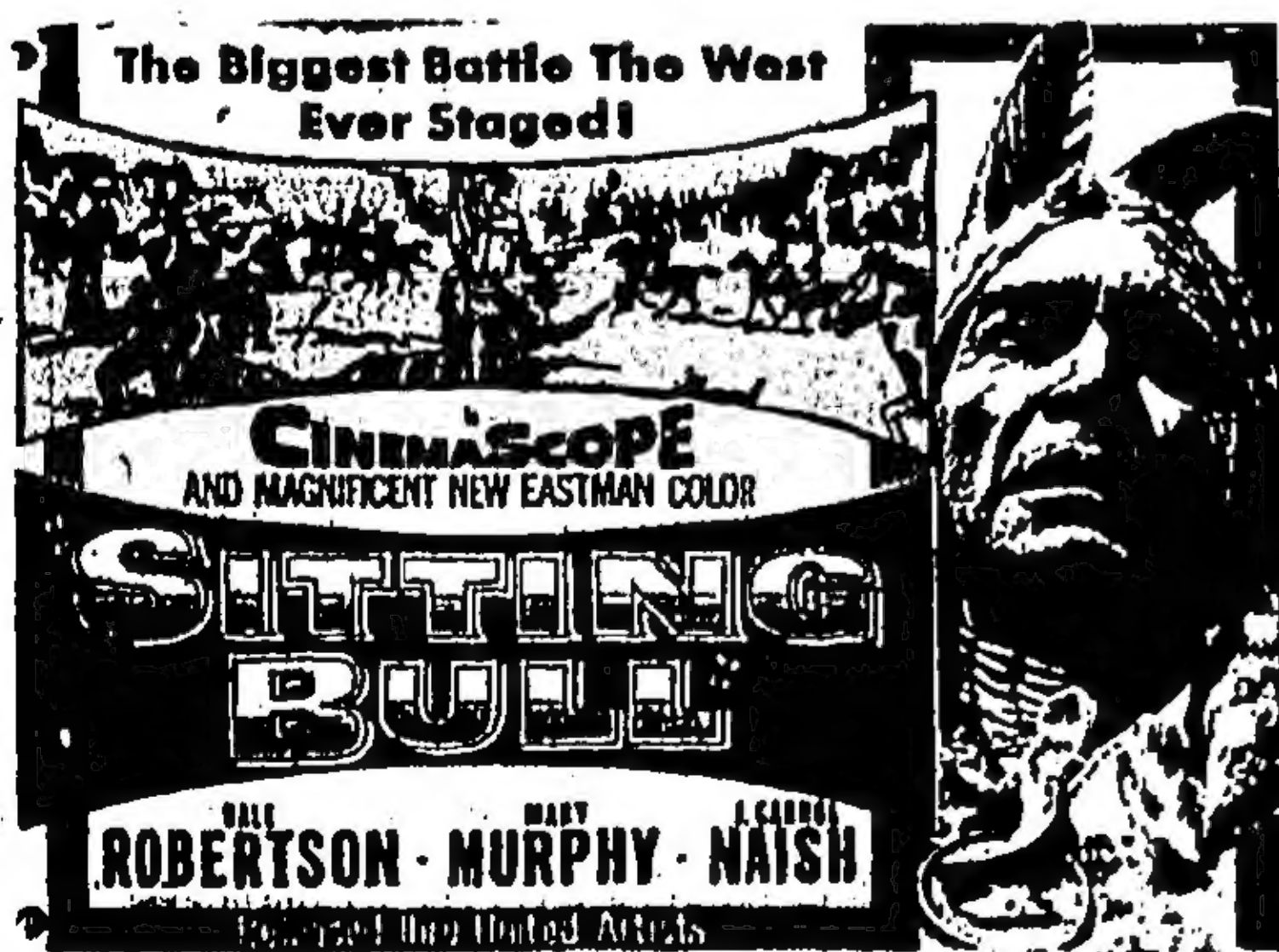
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## H-BOMB DETERRENT

## Britain Should Not Pledge Herself To Be Second

London, Mar. 17.

Lord Salisbury, Government spokesman in the House of Lords, said tonight that if Britain definitely pledged herself not to be the first to use the hydrogen bomb, its deterrent effect would be largely destroyed.

He said: "If our potential enemies could be sure that the weapons would not be used against them and then they use it first, there would be nothing to prevent the vast Soviet Army sweeping across Europe and Asia."

He added: "If we believe this dreadful new weapon is a deterrent, I pray that we do nothing to weaken the deterrent force which the weapon provides."

## SUPREME ARGUMENT

It was equally important that Britain should do everything in her power to see the weapons were never used unless it was absolutely necessary. That was the "supreme argument" for Britain's making the bomb herself.

Lord Salisbury, who is Lord President of the Council and a member of the Cabinet, said he did not think it would be wise to pin too high hopes on the proposal of Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party, for a meeting of scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain to inquire into the consequences of the hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Attlee also suggested that the terms of reference of the meeting of international scientists at Geneva in August might be modified to include this.

Lord Salisbury said the salient facts of radiation were already known and were being further studied.

He believed the Communist scientists primary object would be to get rather than give information. It might be impossible for other scientists to discuss freely with them the effects of the hydrogen bomb without divulging information about their nature, which perhaps it was not desirable they should have.

But he did not want to be entirely negative. Lord Salisbury said the Government was considering whether the terms of reference of the Geneva conference should be extended.

## Move To Oust Undesirables From Britain

London, Mar. 17. Representatives of Conservative (Government) Party branches from all over the country urged today that Britain should be able to oust undesirables coming from the Commonwealth and Empire in the same way that foreigners are deported.

They passed a resolution affirming the belief in the right of any member of the Commonwealth to come freely to Britain but urged the Government "to consider at the earliest opportunity the problems raised by such immigration."

The issue—largely based on recent floods of immigrants from the West Indies—was debated by the Council of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations meeting here. The resolution was passed by only a small majority. —China Mail Special.

## Journalist Released

Karachi, Mar. 17. A journalist and his brother were released from political detention here today, following a decision by the Sind Chief Court yesterday that their further detention was illegal.

The journalist, Muhammad Akhtar, a sports reporter on the Times of Karachi, and Muhammad Sarwar, have been detained without trial since last June under the Security of Pakistan Act.

They were taken into custody during a series of copywrite arrests which the police said were to prevent a prejudicial to the peace—China Mail Special.

The main purpose of the conference—the idea of which was put forward by President Eisenhower—was to promote the peaceful use of atomic energy. An extension of the kind proposed by Mr. Attlee would hardly be in tune with that object. —Reuter.

## STASSEN RECOMMENDING

## MASSIVE AID PROGRAMME FOR ASIA

Washington, Mar. 17.

The Foreign Operations Administration's Administrator, Mr. Harold E. Stassen, disclosed today that he is about to recommend a massive aid programme for raising free Asia's productive wealth by 30 per cent during the next eight years, thus making the area independent of further outside assistance.

Mr. Stassen told a Press conference that such a programme would take the countries of non-Communist Asia along the road of industrialisation at least as rapidly as Red China can be expected to advance in that time—and without the price of lowered living standards and the suffering that the Communist industrialisation method exacts.

## LOT OF CONVINCING

He conceded that it will probably take a lot of convincing on his part and on the part of others in the Eisenhower Administration to get Congress to enter into so sweeping and long-range a programme.

The first step, Mr. Stassen said, will be to get Congress to approve a significant increase in economic and military aid for free Asia for the fiscal year 1955-56, which commences on June 30.

For that period, he said, the Eisenhower Administration will recommend an appropriation of \$2,104,500,000 for the Asian countries which are situated in an arc stretching from South Korea to Afghanistan.

This figure, Mr. Stassen emphasised, has been approved

## Move To Impound Truman's Papers

Kansas City, Mar. 17. Mr. Fyke Farmer, a Tennessee lawyer, wants to impound the official papers of former President Harry Truman. He has filed suit in the Federal Court here, alleging that the official papers were removed from Washington, that they were public property, and that they should be returned to the capital.

Mr. Truman had no comment to make on Mr. Farmer's suit. Since leaving the White House, he has been working on his memoirs and papers of his Administration for preservation in the Truman Library. —China Mail Special.



Miss Martha Rocha, of Bahia—"Miss Brazil"—was named honorary fire chief of Elmhurst, N.Y.—an area where more fire equipment is produced than in any other section of the world. The town's Mayor, Mr. Strachen, is shown presenting her with the fire chief's hat—as Gen. Leslie Groves, a Vice-President and Director of Remington Rand Inc. looks on appreciatively. The occasion was a dinner celebrating production of the company's fifteen millionth typewriter.

## WAR OVER

Vienna, Mar. 17.

The Hungarian Government today announced the official end of hostilities between Hungary and Germany. "A decree putting an end to the state of war" was reported by Radio Budapest, monitored here.—France-Press.

## Truce Commission Always Feuding

Hanoi, Mar. 17.

The Indo-China Truce Commission is functioning like a three-legged dog, each leg with a will of its own.

It is made up of Communist Poles, anti-Communist Canadians and neutral Indians. The Canadians side with the French and the Poles side with the Vietminh. They are always feuding.

The Chairman of the Commission and head of the Indian delegation, Ambassador M. J. Dool, wields the "big stick" which gets what action the Commission is able to take.

## INDIAN PRAISED

Everyone praises the Indian Chairman for his skill at negotiation and his determination to apply the Geneva Agreement objectively.

The "big stick" he uses against the Canadians and Poles is to threaten to bring a matter to a vote. Neither wishes to go on record as casting a minority vote. Mr. Dool holds the deciding vote. So far all decisions have been unanimous.

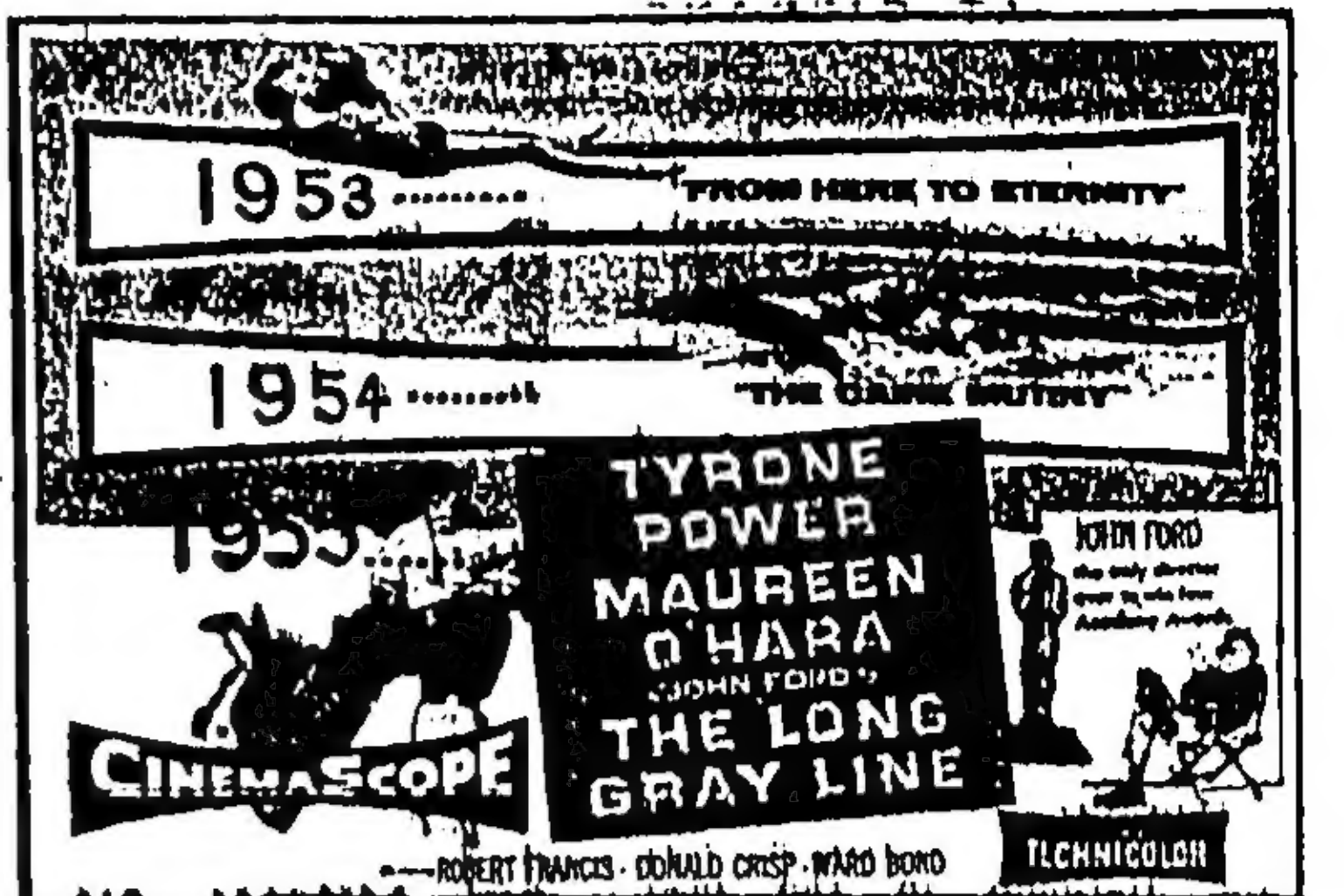
The "big stick" for the French and the Vietminh, who sometimes balk at carrying out a suggestion of the Commission, is to threaten to refer the matter back to the Geneva Conference, which theoretically is still sitting. Neither the French nor the Vietminh want this.

In his relations with the others Mr. Dool says, "I ask for 100 per cent. If they give me only 80, I take that and ask for the other 20."

"Democratic liberties" were guaranteed in the Geneva Agreement, but not defined. There is a wide difference of opinion as to what these liberties are. Mr. Dool said, "Let's not define democratic liberties. Let's apply them."—United Press.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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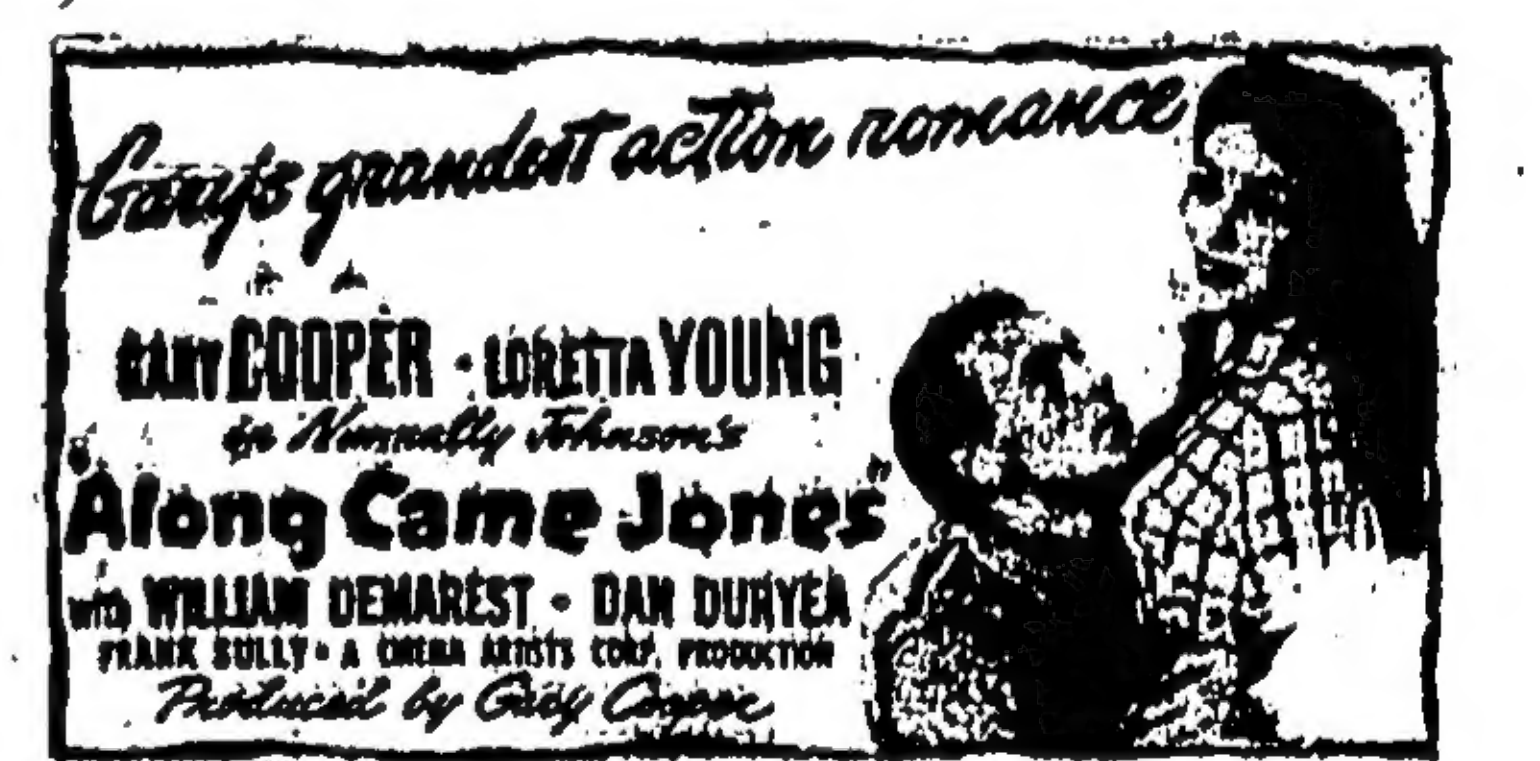
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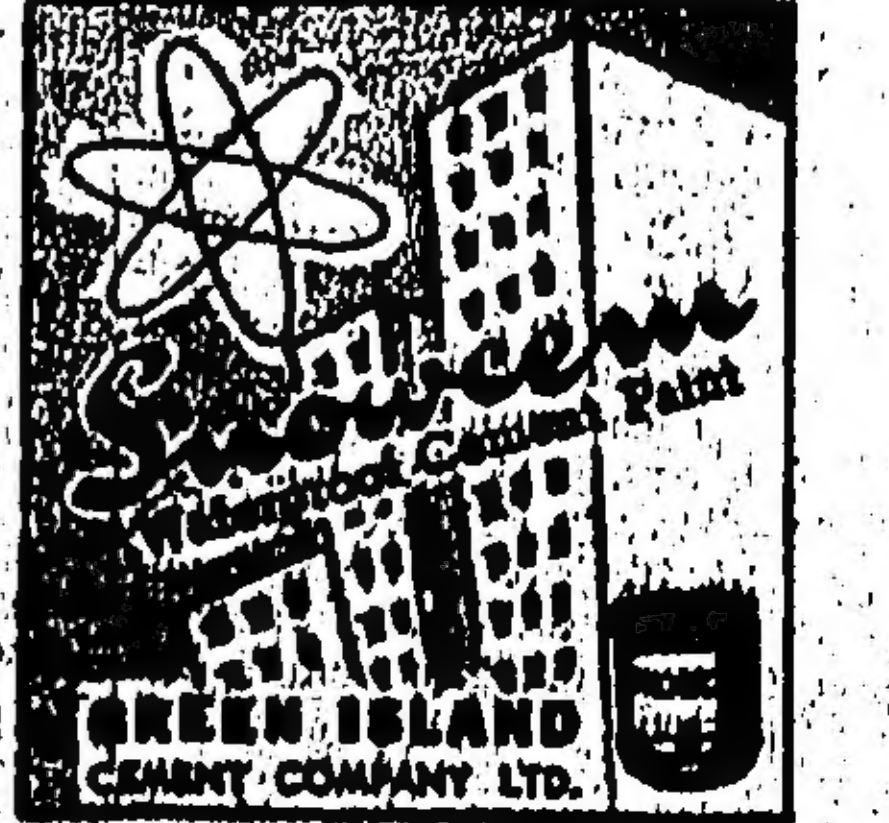
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## ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN CLASH

These Japs Did Not Know They Were Beaten

## ANZUS AN INSURANCE POLICY

London, Mar. 17. The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Mr. T. Clifton Webb, said here today that Australia and New Zealand have no illusions about the possibility of a resurgence of Japanese militarism.

"But," he told the Royal Empire Society, "we regard that as less of a risk than stirring up in the breasts of the Japanese people feelings of revenge and hopelessness that would only throw them into the arms of Communism."

An insurance policy against this calculated risk had been taken out—the ANZUS pact between Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America.

"It is in our interests that Japan should rise and that we should encourage and assist her to do so," Mr. Webb continued. "Otherwise she presents an easy prey to Communism from the mainland."—Reuter.

## MAJESTIC

## SHOWING TO-DAY

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Harry Odell says

Your cinema fare this weekend should be "THE GOOD DIE YOUNG" and "ALONG CAME JONES"

## King's Body Cremated

Kathmandu, Mar. 17. The body of King Tribhuvan of Nepal was cremated today before a crowd estimated at more than 300,000 people in the sacred city of Pashupatinath.

The body was carried to the funeral by Brahmin priests, and two sons of the late King set fire to the pile.

The late King's eldest son was not present at the funeral according to custom.

All of the citizens of Nepal shaved their heads today in mourning.

The shaved head is an old Hindu custom.

For 13 days of national mourning, the Nepalese will eat no meat and wear no leather shoes.

During that same period, the new King Mohendra will sleep on straw and eat frugally.—France-Press.

It was reliably learned in Paris that France and Germany are expected soon to publish a joint declaration, clarifying their position over the Saar agreement which they signed in October.

The Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, told the Foreign Affairs Commission of the National Assembly he had been in touch with Dr. Konrad Adenauer, with the object of settling misunderstandings which followed the German Chancellor's statement on the Saar in the Lower House a fortnight ago.

M. Pinay said he had stressed the importance of a clarification before the French Council of the Republic debates ratification of the Saar and Paris agreements next week.

It was reported that Herr Franz Josef Strauss, West German Minister without Portfolio, had had secret talks with the French Foreign Minister in Paris recently.

Herr Strauss said the talks were "an exchange of views on current foreign policy problems."—Reuter & France-Press.

Also: LATEST BRITISH-CAUMONT NEWS

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## Gaza Incident Most Serious Since Armistice Signed

## TRUCE CHIEF REPORTS TO SECURITY COUNCIL

New York, Mar. 17.

Major General E. L. M. Burns, Canadian Chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation in Palestine, reported to the Security Council today that the February 28 fighting between Israel and Egypt in the Gaza Strip constituted "the most serious clash between the two parties since the signing of the armistice agreement."

Before General Burns spoke, the Soviet delegate, Mr. Arkady Sobolev, expressed his country's sympathy with Egypt regarding casualties suffered in the clash.

Circumstances showed that Israel must bear responsibility for the incident. One could not overlook that these Israeli military activities were a serious violation of the United Nations Charter "and create serious tension in the area which the Council cannot fail to notice."

## MILITARY BLOC

Mr. Sobolev said tension in the area was due to the policy of "certain governments" and policies designed not to strengthen peace but to form military blocs.

General Burns listed various Israeli accusations of Egyptian spying and added: "The Gaza incident could appear in this context as retaliation for the spying, sabotage and murders for which the Egyptian military intelligence service was said to be responsible."

He reported that casualties in the fighting on the Egyptian side were found to be 30 military personnel and two civilians killed, 20 military personnel and two civilians wounded. Eight Israelis were reported killed.

Attached to General Burns' report was the finding of the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission that Israel was to blame for the incident, at the same time rejecting her complaint against Egypt.

## SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS

Also attached was a summary of complaints lodged before the MAC by both countries between November last year and February this year.

"Infiltration from Egyptian controlled territory has not been the only cause of the pre-

sent tension but has undoubtedly been one of its main causes," General Burns said.

General Burns said the recurrence of more or less frequent incidents of shooting along the demarcation line, the more frequent cases of infiltrators crossing the line and their activities in Israel had helped to maintain a state of tension.

Tension was increased by the emotion created in Israel by the fact that the Israeli vessel seized by Egyptians south of Suez last September and the Cairo trial in January of Jews charged with spying.

## SUGGESTED MEASURES

General Burns recalled that last November he had suggested these measures for easing the border situation: Joint patrols at sensitive parts of the demarcation line; Negotiation of a local commanders agreement; barbed wire along parts of the line; and the manning of all outposts and patrols by regular troops.

He was still of the opinion that both parties reached agreement on the lines he suggested and made an honest attempt to fulfil the conditions. Infiltration could be reduced to an occasional nuisance.—Reuter.

## BAD JOSS FOR STICK MAKERS

Singapore, Mar. 17. Joss stick manufacturers in Malaya have risen in protest against the authorities demanding a lifting of the duty on the imports of joss sticks ingredients. Ingredients needed for the production of joss sticks are sandalwood from Australia or Thailand, sandalwood oil from India, "musk dragon" from France, special starch from Hongkong and bamboo from China.

The duty on sandalwood was 10 per cent and the joss stick makers used more than six tons of it a month, manufacturers said.

Duty on special starch had now been lifted but in the case of bamboo, there is no fixed rate of duty. Sandalwood oil and "musk dragon" both carried 25 per cent duty.

The manufacturers complain that the duty on the ingredients had made production costs of joss sticks exceedingly high.—France-Press.

## No Bang Today

Las Vegas, Mar. 17. The sixth atomic explosion in the current "Topsy" series at Yucca flat has been postponed once again owing to unfavourable weather conditions, it was learned here tonight.

Already previously put off by bad weather, the explosion had been scheduled for the US Atomic Energy Commission for Friday morning. No date has yet been fixed.—France-Press.

Birmingham, Mar. 17. Reverend Dr. Marcus James, a Jamaican in his thirties, who worked here soon as the first coloured priest to be appointed a diocesan chaplain in the English Church.

His main job will be to look after the city's 10,000 coloured population which is growing rapidly.—China Mail Special.

## Dodging Land Mines In Search Of Oil

Cairo, Mar. 17.

The Egyptian-American Oil Company which is prospecting for oil in the Western Desert, will drill a deep test well 20 miles west of Alexandria at the beginning of April, it was announced today.

Mr. Millard K. Neptune, Company Manager who is supervising the drilling plans, said he attached great importance to the test well.

"Initial preparations," he said in an interview, "will permit drilling to a depth of 15,000 feet if necessary. The well will be drilled south of the village of Burg el Arab, almost on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean."

"I believe the sediments will be representative and that the maximum benefit can be obtained in this area insofar as the geological information is concerned."

## FIRST ON CONCESSION

Mr. Neptune disclosed the new well will be the first on the 50,000,000-acre concession to be drilled by a Company-owned and operated rig. The Americans will provide the superintendents, drillers and mechanics, and the Egyptians the remainder of the crew.

The concession has been assigned by Egypt to subsidiaries of four United States oil companies, the Continental Oil Company, Cities Service, Ohio Oil Company, and Richfield Oil Company. The Egyptian-American Company operates on behalf of the group.

Mr. Neptune said that drilling operations have to proceed with caution because there are still several million land mines in the concession area. Every working unit in the desert, he said, includes a Sapper squad headed by an expert.—United Press.

## Police Protection For Stevedores

Calcutta, Mar. 17. Shipping agents and stevedores resumed loading and unloading work at the port of Calcutta by stages this morning. They stopped work on March 14, alleging mob rule in the dock area. They started work on three steamers with police protection and work gradually spread to other steamers.—China Mail Special.

## FIVE YEARS DISGRACE BUT TERM LIFTED

Paris, Mar. 17. CHARLES Antoine Rochat was today sentenced to five years of national opprobrium by the High Court of Justice for having acted as Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Vichy Government.

The sentence was, however, immediately lifted for the services which he had rendered to his country. Rochat was tried on charges that he was a key man in Vichy's foreign policy. He was taken jointly with Vichy Chief of State Marshal Philippe Petain and former French



These four Japanese airmen who have hidden in the New Guinea jungle since 1944 are now on their way home to their native Japan. They had refused to believe that Japan had been defeated in World War II. Their nine comrades died from disease and hardship. They had heard from natives garbled reports about a "terrible explosion" in Japan and eventually they accepted that the war was over and trekked to Hollandia in Dutch New Guinea. They were arrested by a West New Guinea civil servant. Their leader Shimada, describing their adventures in the jungle during the past ten years, said that the airmen had arrived at Rabaul from Manus in 1943 and were soon afterwards transferred to Wewak, and then ordered to Hollandia. They arrived at Aitape on a forced march to Hollandia two days before the American landing. During the march 28 men were swept away and were drowned. The remaining 12 reached Vanimo where they heard that Hollandia had been captured, three more died from disease and the remainder lived by stealing from military dumps, then another five died from disease. The four then went into the jungle and lived with the natives, each one taking it in turn to visit Hollandia to see if the Japanese Navy had returned. The airmen are on their way home.—Express Photo.

## COURT RULING ON SAAR

## W. German Democrats Want One Signature

Bonn, Mar. 17.

Dr. Karl Mommer, a member of the West German Democratic Opposition, spent today canvassing for the one final signature his Party needs in its campaign to seek a court ruling on the Saar statute.

The Party already has 162 signatures of members of the Lower House — one short of the necessary number required to petition the Constitutional Court at Karlsruhe.

The Social Democrats hoped that by getting an adverse ruling from the Court they could delay ratification of the Saar agreement for several weeks and perhaps block it altogether.

But tonight—eve of the final debate on the Paris treaties in the Upper House—the final signature on the petition did not appear to be forthcoming.

Observers here believe that if Dr. Mommer does not get his

one-third signature by tomorrow night, when Parliament breaks up for the weekend, he will not get it at all.

It was reliably learned in Paris that France and Germany are expected soon to publish a joint declaration, clarifying their position over the Saar agreement which they signed in October.

The Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, told the Foreign Affairs Commission of the National Assembly he had been in touch with Dr. Konrad Adenauer, with the object of settling misunderstandings which followed the German Chancellor's statement on the Saar in the Lower House a fortnight ago.

M. Pinay said he had stressed the importance of a clarification before the French Council of the Republic debates ratification of the Saar and Paris agreements next week.

It was reported that Herr Franz Josef Strauss, West German Minister without Portfolio, had had secret talks with the French Foreign Minister in Paris recently.

Herr Strauss said the talks were "an exchange of views on current foreign policy problems."—Reuter & France-Press.

## Butler Pleased With Sterling

London, Mar. 17. Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said here today that the position of sterling was being held satisfactorily "as a result of the drastic steps I was obliged to take."

He told representatives of local Conservative Party branches meeting in London that the stability of the British economy "is recognised throughout the world."

"The prosperity we have managed to re-introduce and the new spirit we have brought into the country are things which are widely recognised by people not only in our ranks, but also throughout the country,"—China Mail Special.

Buenos Aires, Mar. 17. President Peron has ordered that an Argentine Hospital shall be named after Sir Alexander Fleming as a tribute to the British discoverer of penicillin.—China Mail Special.

## MARLENE AWARDED DAMAGES



Paris, Mar. 17. Film star Marlene Dietrich was awarded 1,200,000 francs (about £1,200 sterling) damages against the French weekly, L'Express, by a Paris appeal Court today.

Miss Dietrich complained that the weekly published, without her authorisation, in three numbers appearing in December 1950 a series of articles about her private life under the title "My Life," by Marlene Dietrich. A lower court awarded her 50,000 francs (£50 sterling) damages. Miss Dietrich appealed against this award as insufficient and the appeal was upheld today.—China Mail Special.

## Dulles To Brief Canadian MPs

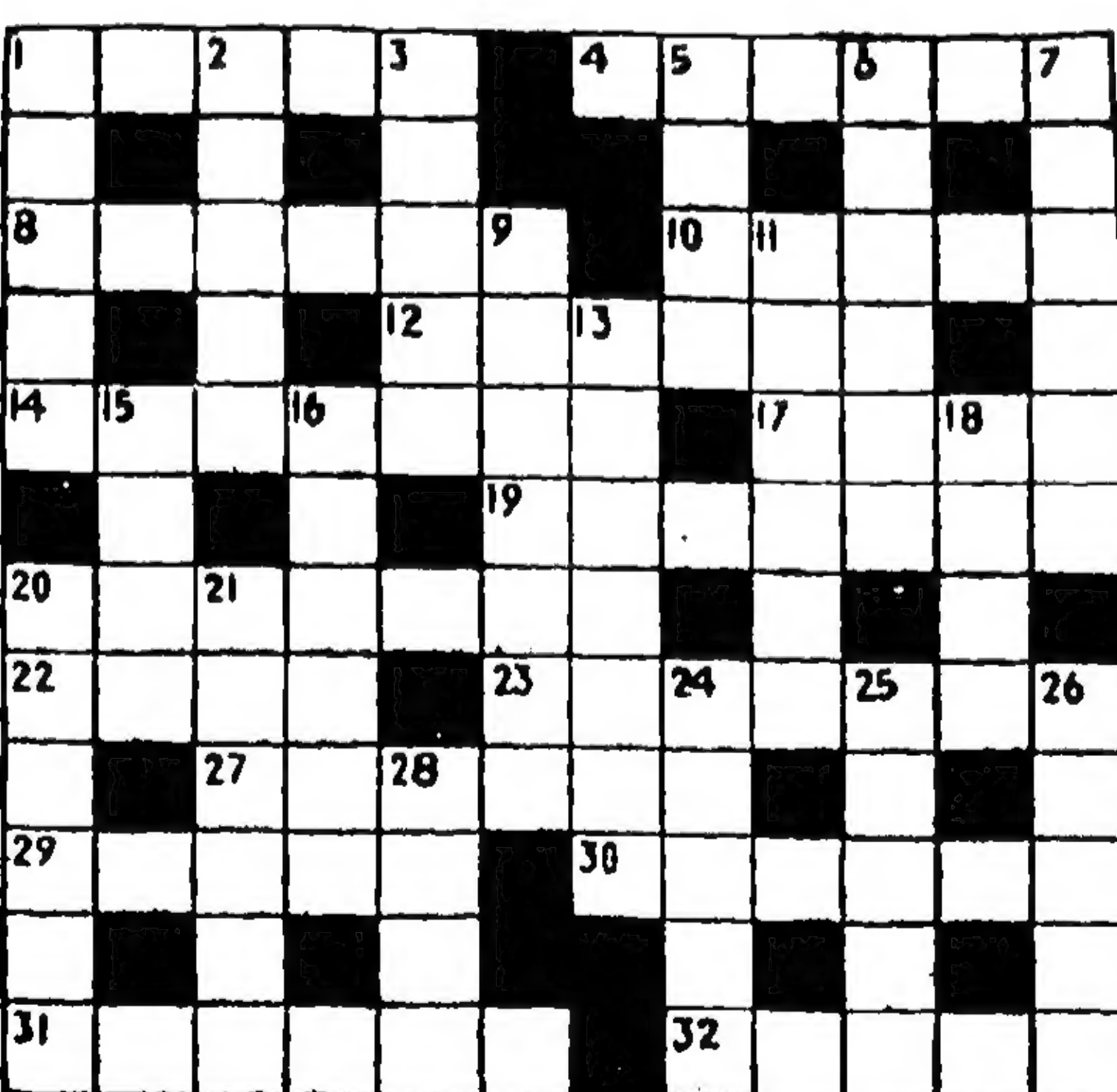
Ottawa, Mar. 17. Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, arrived here today by air from Washington to brief Canadian Members of Parliament on world affairs.

In a brief statement, he referred to Canada as "Pacific power" and spoke of her role on the Truce Supervisory Commission in Indo-China. He said he would exchange views with Government leaders on economic and defence problems of Europe and Asia.

Arriving 75 minutes late, he was met by Mr. Lester Pearson, External Affairs Minister.

His plane had been forced to return to Washington soon after taking off because of engine trouble which was quickly put right by the ground staff.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 1 Animal (5).
- 4 Crib (6).
- 8 Run away (6).
- 10 Happen (5).
- 12 Speaker (6).
- 14 Discoloured (7).
- 17 Illuminating gas (4).
- 20 Musical entertainment (7).
- 22 Adore (7).
- 24 Nod (4).
- 27 Alarm (7).
- 29 In fact (6).
- 30 Knew (5).
- 31 "Opening" word (6).
- 32 Royal line (5).

## DOWN

- 1 Clusters (5).
- 2 Place of pilgrimage (5).
- 3 Fruit (5).
- 5 Origin (4).
- 6 Effect (6).
- 7 Watering (6).
- 9 Exact (3).
- 11 Agree (5).
- 13 Took as one's own (7).
- 15 Trampled (4).
- 16 Mad (6).
- 18 Spoken (4).
- 21 Rules broader (6).
- 23 Skilful (5).
- 25 Tendency (5).
- 26 Come in (5).
- 28 Measure of drink (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Elongate, 8 Avon, 9 Despairs, 11 Intrudes, 13 Holy, 16 Insecure, 18 Encomend, 19 Ends, 21 Disaster, 25 Gradient, 26 Firm, 27 Estrange, Down: 1 Sari, 2 Loot, 4 Lied, 5 Nips, 6 Agile, 7 Essay, 9 Dunce, 10 Soers, 12 Kibosh, 14 Lucrative, 16 Untie, 17 Eclat, 19 Eagle, 20 Draft, 21 Diva, 22 Saucy, 23 Trio, 24 Rome.



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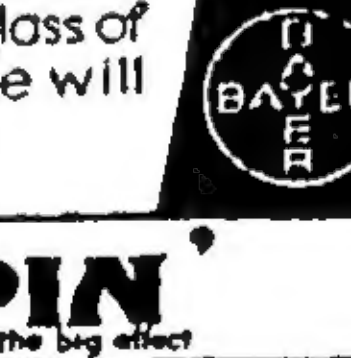
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## MYSTERIOUS BROWN MEN WHO DRANK ORANGE JUICE

SECOND DAY

### Seeing Red China with William Stevenson

Toronto Star correspondent who spent two months in the country and travelled 8,000 miles.

I ALTERNATED constantly between hope and despair in China. Just when some incident sent cold shivers down my back, up popped a jolly little character to take the sting out of it.

I drove down into Chungking from a distant airfield, and the scenes would stir the flintiest heart. I forgot my earlier bad temper as I bounced through a landscape like one of those Japanese rock gardens come alive. The road I travelled was built of packed earth, and it shot up and around steep hills or plunged into deep valleys.

I passed endless streams of peasants whose faces were twisted in the agony of immense physical effort, and this was not surprising, because many had harnessed themselves like animals to heavy wooden carts loaded to the sky with slabs of stone. There was no evidence HERE of forced labour. The peasants of Szechuan worked hard for food — harder than I've seen people work anywhere, though I once saw a rickshaw boy collapse from heartstrain in a Portuguese colony.

So my mood was one of elation mixed with sympathy. I felt the foreigners had little right to criticise a government which might be using ruthless authority to get things done but which was at least getting them done. And then, quite suddenly, my car shot through narrow streets of wooden houses built higgledy-piggledy above the Yangtze River and we emerged in front of an enormous palace.

### Brand New

It looked like a palace, anyway — and now, a glittering dome with sweeping staircases rising to marble halls on either side. "But this," said my guide, "is the guest house."

And so it was — the result of all the planning. This was the kind of thing being built by those poor devils I passed along the road. My face betrayed my thoughts.

The mayor of Chungking hastened to assure me: this palace they called a guest house had only cost point eight percent of the taxes levied against local landlords. He seemed unable to understand that to me it looked as totally useless as the pyramids or China's own Great Wall.

So I wandered over to a puppet theatre, went behind the scenes and, suddenly, began to enjoy myself. It was hard not to, because this was something the communists made no attempt to show me and it was purely

Chinese. Exquisite puppets with moving heads and limbs, dressed in beautifully embroidered robes, were held in view of the audience by ten little men crouching beneath the stage. Around them on the dirt floor squatted the band, clashing cymbals and hammering on drums and tooting on tin horns.

The timing was perfect, and the ten little men were so absorbed in their miniature opera that their faces twisted into the appropriate expressions each time they sang out their words, even though they were invisible to anyone outside.

### Living Buddha

WONDERFUL. I staggered away with my ears ringing from the noise. I wandered back along the Yangtze River banks, listening to the primitive cries of men stripped naked as they pulled heavily laden junk upstream against the strong currents. What a tragedy, I thought, that men must work like this when a dozen outboard motors could do the job. But their shouts, echoing strangely in the misty gorges, were cheerful and, no doubt, they were glad to have work at all.

It was then I met a strange character riding a mule. He stopped when he saw me and began an excited conversation with his two companions. He wore a beaver hat with ribbons in the crown. One of his friends had suffered from wounds about his body and his head was shaven. It was hard to tell if the third member in the party was man or woman, but a strong smell of stale butter came from all of them.

The stranger examined me and then said in faultless English: "Where are you from?" I told him and he replied: "We're from Lhasa. We've been three months coming here."

He was a Tibetan who had spent part of his life in northern India. His shaven-headed friend was a living Buddha. This gave us something in common, because earlier in Peking the Dalai Lama had touched my forehead and thus turned me into a living Buddha too.

"Where are you going?" I asked politely. They said Peking, which meant a further thousand miles of travel. I inquired how they would complete the journey — and why.

"We're taking a plane from here," said their leader, getting back astride his donkey. "We're going to see the Russian exhibition."

I've no idea what induced this strange trio to embark on such a voyage. Tibet is supposed to be a Chinese affair, and I wondered how the Russians had got into the picture.

Well, that raises the question of who really does rule China. Russia's influence is exerted through a man of whom we hear little, Liu Shao-chi. Most of us, however, think mostly of Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai.

Foreign Minister Chou, perhaps more than any other Communist, dazzled the Western world this past year. He earned public tribute from Sir Anthony Eden, he won respect (and submission in Indo-China) from the French, and he overshadowed his Russian colleagues at Geneva. His flying visit to New Delhi charmed Nehru into a trip to Peking. He convinced Burma's Premier the Chinese Communists can be reasonable, and he is the jolly shepherd of those two bewildered young men from Tibet, the Dalai and Panchen Lamas. Yet the fact is that Chou En-lai is very much low man on the totem pole.

Far more powerful is the vast People's Liberation Army. Although administrative changes have taken place which seem to push the Army into the background, observers are about equally divided on whether in fact the Army today is all-powerful or very much weakened in authority.

### Four Men

THE new Constitution still leaves the reins of power in the hands of four men. They are Mao Tse-tung, who more than once ignored Stalin's orders in conducting the Chinese revolution; then Liu Shao-chi, the Grey Eminence who brings to Peking's marble halls the flinty views of Party theoreticians; followed by General Chu Teh, chief of China's military forces, and, last of all, Chou En-lai.

It would seem at first glance that Mao and General Chu Teh have withdrawn into the shadows — that's true only in a constitutional sense. Both men, however, have supreme authority which overrides the Constitution. Mao controls the whole administrative machine as chairman of the Communist Party's Central Committee. Chu Teh commands the physical backbone of the regime — the armed forces.

What now causes widespread speculation is the appointment of Peng Teh-huai, China's

Korean war hero, as national Defence Minister. This, together with the drafting of China's top generals into the Defence Council, suggests the Army remains a very powerful tool, designed, as Mao Tse-tung said back in 1929, "to fulfil certain political tasks."

Yet some observers think it's a preliminary step to pulling these Army veterans out to pasture. My own experience certainly did not indicate that power went with the new glory.

I followed Chou En-lai, for instance, when he took Nehru through the ranks of generals making up the Defence Council. They stood over in one corner — a small, brown lump of silence amid the glitter of a diplomatic reception in one of Peking's magnificent pavilions that gleam behind the Winter Palace walls. Their uniforms were ill-fitting; they wore no insignia except their names stitched in red ideographs on white tape across their breast pockets.

Chou bowed through them with every appearance of a schoolmaster producing his most promising pupils. They were polite but reserved, and while others drank a fierce Chinese vodka these mysterious figures clasped glasses of orange juice in their unpractised fingers.

### Bitter Blow

THEN Chou sneered Nehru to where two youths stood in bright saffron and red robes. "I believe you may like to meet the Dalai and Panchen Lamas," said China's Foreign Minister, the ghost of a smile flitting across his mobile face.

For me, it was a dramatic moment. The Dalai Lama gave Nehru's India two thousand miles of common frontier with a Communist country when he accepted the absorption of Tibet into China. It had been a bitter blow to Nehru.

There was a moment's pause. Behind us, the Chinese generals rustled softly. A glass tinkled, a foot shuffled. Perhaps I'm a sensitive soul, but it seemed to me you could feel the whole Chinese Army pressing at your back during those few seconds — an Army which conquered China for her people against internal and foreign enemies and which fought our U.N. forces to a standstill in Korea.

Nehru looked tired and old as he extended a hand to the Dalai Lama and said: "I'm very pleased to make your acquaintance after all this time."

Was it a capitulation? The Chinese are great people for symbols, and this moment seemed to have been chosen with artistic care. Or was Nehru making a massive gesture of goodwill? His Indian advisers in Peking have reported that the Army's status in China today is as reduced as in flat contradiction to other Western speculation. Perhaps Nehru, who must surely have recognised the significance of that strange encounter, hoped to avoid further tensions and so keep the Army in its supposedly new place in one corner.

TOMORROW: Not Quite The Giant As Many Think

## CENTENARIAN OF OPERA

By Gerard Bourke

JUST one hundred and fifty years ago yesterday a young couple in the wild Spanish province of Catalonia bent over a cradle and wished for a great singing future for their newly-born son.

Both were singers, famous singers, so they could justly hope that some of their genius might pass to their child.

Their wish was fulfilled, but perhaps not altogether as they had expected.

Manuel Garcia became a well-known singer, too, but the international fame he won was for his brilliant tuition of others rather than for his own voice.

It was said that his father trained him too hard while his voice was passing naturally from tenor to baritone, and this gave it an unpleasant vibrato.

Nevertheless, he became Spain's Grand Old Man of music. He lived to be 101, died in London 49 years ago.

### TAUGHT THE GREAT

He was the first man to make a scientific study of voice production, and was the inventor of the laryngoscope which permits examination of a person's throat. Aided in his work by one of Napoleon's ablest surgeons, his system of mirrors is used today in perfected form.

At the time, Garcia was on the staff of London's Royal Academy of Music, a post he held for 50 years. He taught many of the greatest singers of the 19th century, including Sir Charles Santley, described by Shaw as "one who has achieved all that is yet possible for a great English singer."

But enthusiastic though he was about linking science with singing, Garcia was not merely a technician.

In his younger days he had toured widely as a baritone with an opera company founded

by his father, also named Manuel.

The elder Manuel, who was to become head of the most famous family in the history of singers, had aided Rossini in completing "The Barber of Seville." Perhaps that explains why Rossini, usually lazy, finished the brilliant score in two weeks. Rossini gave him the tenor part of Count Almaviva at the first performance.

Later, when the family opera company went on tour in America, they were able to give a remarkable performance of "The Barber."

### MANY DECORATIONS

Garcia senior sang Almaviva. The part of the housekeeper was taken by his wife, who had become an opera singer after abandoning girlhood plans to become a nun. Rosina was played by his daughter, the great contralto Malibran. The part of Figaro was taken by Garcia junior, our centenarian.

The younger Garcia toured the Continent as well as America — where the private company had been robbed of a hoard of gold by thieves — and had received many foreign decorations. Among these was one given to him by the King of Sweden for his helpful tuition of Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale," also a favourite with London audiences at Covent Garden.

Throughout his long life, he watched over the progress of singers in the London concert hall and in the theatres, and also showed keen perception of purely orchestral musical trends. On his 100th birthday, St. Patrick's Day, 1905, King Edward VII summoned him to Buckingham Palace to accept the Royal Victorian Order. Despite his age, he went personally to receive the decoration.

### LONG SERVICE

On returning home, he was greeted by almost all the leaders of London's musical life, who reviewed his long service in flattering addresses. In view of the date, his birthday cake was in the shape of a gigantic shamrock, surmounted by the figure of St. Cecilia, patron saint of music.

His sister, Madame Malibran, had died long before in 1830, from injuries received when thrown from a horse. He was survived, however, by a younger sister, Madame Viardot, not only a famous singer but also a composer whose works were admired by George Sand and Alfred de Musset. She had even had lessons in composition from Franz Liszt.

Her death in 1910 did not end the service of this unusual Spanish family to singing. Manuel Garcia, the centenarian, left behind a son, Gustave, and a grandson, Albert, and both joined the staff of London's Royal College of Music as teachers of singing. Only the family of the great J. S. Bach, the musicians' musician, gave more of its members to music.



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## FAMOUS JOCKEYS TALK

## WHEN MANNY IS RIDING DARIUS . . . . LOOK OUT

By THE SCOUT

London. Manny Mercer enters the 1955 racing scene fresh from holiday travel, which embraced New York, Hollywood and Honolulu.

He has returned to a new sports car in the garage of his trim little house which looks out towards Newmarket's Rowley Mile stands.

He has come back with a feeling, too, that this will be a high-powered, non-skid, non-slip season.

M. Mercer has booked himself as No. 1 English jockey—an engagement endorsed enthusiastically by Manny's former mentor, Charlie Elliott.

Second contender is held by George Collier to whom the young Mercer became acquainted soon after he had gained fame by winning the 1947 "Lincoln" on Jockey Treble.

Harry Wragg has third command of his services, and Manny is looking forward to renewing his successful partnership with Darius this season.

"When you realise what Paddy has done in America, Sir Percy Lindsay's horse must be the best in the world right now," says his jockey.

While at Santa Anita early this year, Manny rode in one race. "It was an interesting experience," but I did not want to tie myself down to a regular job there," he explained.

Patience, anyway, will never be Manny's redeeming quality excepting only on horseback. As a jockey he is in this respect a different person to his earthly bound self.

## THE WEATHER

We were talking the other day about the weather and I asked him how he looks to the ordeal of racing in the winter.

"It's funny, you know, I like it," he said. "Sometimes when I go to get on a horse, my teeth might be chattering with the cold. As soon as I'm up, I don't seem to notice it any more."

Manny happens to be one of those instinctive natural born jockeys. I suspect that he is happiest when not tied down to orders.

Charlie Elliott helped to fashion his riding style, and he has obviously absorbed some of Harry Wragg's technique.

His chances of becoming the champion jockey have never been more favourable. Hardly weighed at 7st 13lb there is something about his way of riding which gives him the ticket of entry into the top class.

## EXACTING SEASON

This will be his most exacting season. Manny has come up to succeed the hard way. He doesn't intend to go back.

There's a TV set and an affectionate nine-month-old colt.

## Slow Trial By Cambridge

London, Mar. 17. Cambridge University returned one of the slowest times since the war in their final full course trial over the Boat Race course from Putney to Mortlake on the River Thames today.

In slightly worse overall conditions than Oxford encountered yesterday, their time for the four and a quarter miles was 22 minutes 21 seconds. This was 57 seconds worse than Oxford and three and a half minutes worse than their own trial of a week ago.

The race takes place on March 20.—China Mail Special.



Harry Odell says

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called (appropriately) Splash installed now in his Newmarket home. E. Mercer intends to see plenty of both of them and do some gardening too in his spare time during the coming season.

"When I'll have the spare time, though, it's not very easy to see," he grinned. "I shall have to ride to work at Chantilly as well as at Newmarket."

## Hashim Khan Is The Joe Davis Of Squash

H. Khan winner by three sets to two over A. Khan. That was the result of the final last week of the British Professional Squash Championship. That's what goes down in the record books, with the additional information that H. Khan equalled J. P. H. Dear's record of five wins in the event.

But there was more to it than that, much more. Winner Hashim and loser brother Azam had no right to be on the court at all. Hashim had just a blister cut from his heel, he had more on his feet and some deep corns. He has to go again to hospital for a minor operation to have them taken out. He has also to have an operation on his eyes.

Azam came to the Lansdowne Club straight from hospital where he was having electrical treatment and massage for a leg injury. He could only play by having pain killing injections.

Both players had been suffering from these ailments throughout the tournament. But only once was either extended on his way to the last round. That was in the semi-finals when Hashim was taken to five games by cousin Roshan.

Came the final and the two "cripples" gave an exhibition which would have been a credit to the fittest.

## WAS SUPREME

Hashim particularly was supreme. And he is 39. That alone is enough to rule out without being a walking hospital case.

But not Hashim. This lanky, balding little Pakistani is the Joe Davis of squash.

Like Davis he has reached a level of his own; like Davis the nearest he gets to a real challenge is from his own family; and also like Davis Hashim plans to give up his title to "let someone else have a chance."

But not yet Hashim says he will be coming back to Britain.

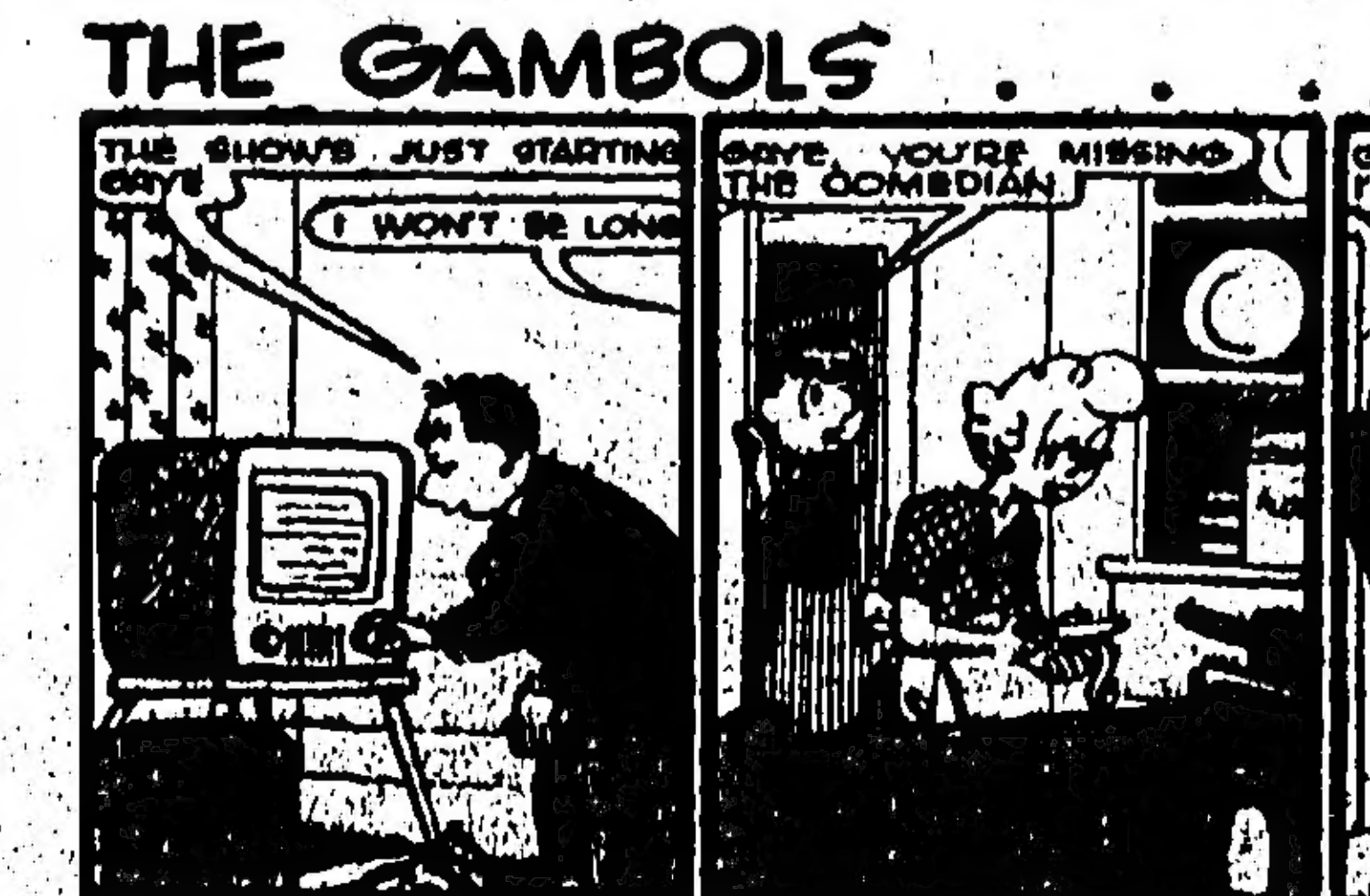
## FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Eire Beats Northern Ireland

Dublin, Mar. 17. The Football League of Ireland (Eire) who led 1-0 at half-time, were worth their 2-1 win over the Irish League (Northern Ireland) at Dalymount Park here today but the match never came up to expectations.

Here was much negative football from both sides, but the home attack showed slightly more punch with Scottish inside-right Jimmy Gauld the live-wire.

A 30,000 crowd saw a dramatic start, Armstrong scoring for the League of Ireland with a tapping shot after three minutes. Hughes took up an equaliser for Walker six minutes after the interval, but 15 minutes later, a diving header by Fitzgerald gave the home team the winner.—China Mail Special.



## Wragg's star horse should be Darius

By JAMES PARK

The observant may have noticed that since Harry Wragg became a trainer he has been making the same steady progress as when he was a jockey.

When he held a jockey's licence he was always thinking how to get the best out of a horse and also what tactics were most likely to bring about the downfall of the opposition.

Now his work is in the stable and on the tenth and his skill is to be found in the well-being of the horses. They are all in robust health.

**BLESSING**  
The star performer is DARIUS, winner of the 2,000 Guineas. The programme mapped out for the first half of the season includes the March Stakes at Newmarket, the Coronation Cup at Epsom, and the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown.

If the colt could complete that hat-trick, Wragg could be assured of his best season in stake money.

All arrangements had been made for Darius to race in the U.S.A. in the winter, but he met with a mishap in his box and could not go. That may have been a blessing in disguise as the colt will turn out fresh and well for his engagements this season.

He has wintered exceptionally well and is now a fully matured model racehorse. With Never Say Die retired, I cannot see anything in this country to challenge the supremacy of Darius up to a mile and a half. His best distance may be a mile and a quarter but he should stay the easy mile and a half of the Coronation Cup.

The staying GOLOVINE went off rather badly in the second half of last season but is once more looking as bright as a new pin.

**MILITARY COURT** will take his chance in the Lincolnshire Handicap. In and out of the stable, he wears bandages on both forelegs, but there have not been any trouble for some time.

The five-year-old is in good heart but gave me the impression that there was still room for improvement in his condition. Whether that can be brought about will depend on the weather.

Wragg has built a covered ride. It is situated in a paddock a few yards from the stable and has been used whenever it was impossible to get on the horse. It is about 200 yards round with a thick layer of sand. Trotting round for 20 minutes is sufficient for the horses to work up a sweat.

Military Court has been kept on the move round the covered ride and everything will depend on whether conditions permit the trainer to put the finishing touches. There is not much time for that to happen.

## GRAND COLT

**TIGER KLOOF** failed to get in the money last year, but if he remains sound he may put the balance on the right side as a four-year-old. He is now a grand looking colt.

**IMMORTAL** was bought at the December Sales and has progressed so well that he will be given a chance to show what he can do over longer distances than he has yet attempted.

**ROYAL MAID** won five consecutive races last year and was a mere money-spinner. A tall, spare filly, she is no beauty. She hops along and that is what counts.

I do not think there is another Darius among the three-year-olds, but I should say the majority are fairly certain to do well.

**SOMBERNO** has grown into a fine big colt. He was lightly used as a two-year-old, but I saw sufficient of him to satisfy that he is possessed of ability. He looks the type to go on improving.

**OYSTER BAY** met with an accident as a two-year-old and could not run. He was picked up cheaply as a yearling and could be well worth the money.

**HYPERION KID** has been slow to develop and, while he has thrived enormously, he is not yet in possession of his full strength. It is the second half of the season that he may come into his own and should make a good colt.

The dapper little CIAO paid his way in his first season and should continue to do so. The luckless MARGIANA is not looking her best and needs some run on her back.

There are not so many two-year-olds as last year, but most of them frame out well and show promise. I liked the look of LUCERO, a well-balanced son of Soloway. As the dam is by Fair Trial the colt should not be lacking in speed.

**PERSIAN GOD** is a half-brother, by Persian Gulf, to Blue Sull and is taller and stands over more ground than his elder relative.

Mr Charles Sweeney has a distinct proposition in SEMI-NOLE, an altogether better sort than his brother Shiraz.



DARIUS will bid for an early hat-trick.

## World Table Tennis

## JAPANESE PLAYERS GAIN TOP RANKINGS

The Hague, Mar. 17.

Japanese men table tennis teams top the rankings for the world table tennis championships here next month, the Dutch Organising Committee announced today.

The Committee posted the Japanese Teams as number one for both the Swaythling and Corbillon cup competitions, and ranked Ichiro Ogimura of Japan as the top individual player.

The only outsider to reach a number one spot was one of the powerful Iron Curtain entries, Angelica Rozeanu of Rumania.

The Organising Committee announced a record entry for the championships of 350 players from 35 countries when the deadline passed today. The games will be held here April 16-24.

They reported 23 countries had entered teams for the Corbillon Cup, the women's team championships, and 33 for the Swaythling Cup for supremacy in men teams. In addition, individual players had entered from Canada and South Africa.

**THE SEEDINGS**  
The seeded players for the World Table Tennis Championships to be held from April 16-24 are as follows:

Women's Singles: 1. Angelica Rozeanu (Rumania); 2. Fulla Bied (Japan); 3. Linda West (Australia); 4. Gisi Farkas (Hungary); 5. Yoshiko Tanaka (Japan); 6. Rosalind Rowe (England); 7. Kikiko Watanabe (Japan); 8. Eva Koczian (Hungary).

Men's Singles: 1. Ichiro Ogimura (Japan); 2. Ivan Andreadis (Czechoslovakia); 3. Yugo Flisberg (Sweden); 4. Richard Bergman (England); 5. Ferenc Sido (Hungary); 6. Yoshio Tomita (Japan); 7. Zarko Dolinar (Yugoslavia); 8. Rene Rothenhoff (France).

Men's Doubles: 1. Dolinar and Vilim Horavoz (Yugoslavia); 2. Andreadis and Ladislav Stipek (Czechoslovakia); 3. Ogimura and Tomita (Japan); 4. Jozsef Koczian and Sido (Hungary).

Women's Doubles: 1. Diana and Rosalind Rowe (England); 2. Rozeanu and Bona Zeller (Rumania); 3. Farkas and Miss Kerney (Hungary); 4. Fulla Eguchi and Watanabe (Japan); 5. Mixed Doubles: Farkas (Hungary) and Andreadis (Czechoslovakia); 2. Rozeanu (Rumania) and Sido (Hungary); 3. Werli.

## Boundary Street Athletic Meet

The Quadrangular Meet between SCAA, Army, HRAAC/University, and RAF/Naval/Police was provisionally set to be held at Boundary Street on April 17, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association at the Education Department yesterday.

Mr P. Donohue was in the Chair. The meeting also finalised all arrangements for the forthcoming Colony Athletic Championships to be held at the SCAA Stadium on March 26 and 27.

## SCOTCH WHISKY A. &amp; A. CRAWFORD'S FIVE STAR

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## Dead Heat In 1,500 Metres Preliminary

Mexico City, Mar. 17.

America's Wes Santee, the sensational Kansas miller, and Argentina's Juan D. Miranda raced to a spectacular dead heat for first place in the preliminaries of the 1,500 Metres event of the Pan-American Games today.

In the greatest finish of the Games, the two men matched stride for stride through the last 400 metres and came to the tape at the same time with the record 4:08.4.

As the big crowd in the University Stadium raved, a cascade of cheers when there was only one lap to go. Santee and Miranda each tried to take the lead. Neither would budge an inch as they sped along.

The judges deliberated for many minutes before coming up with the decision that it was a dead heat.

"It was a good race," said Santee afterwards. "The high stakes didn't bother me at all. I'll run a better race in the finals."

It was another great day for U.S. athletes and they boosted their point total to 335, defending champion Argentina has 102.—United Press.

## TEST STARS TO PLAY FOR JAMAICA

Kingston, Jamaica, Mar. 17. Three West Indian Test stars, Frank Worrell, Alf Valentine and Allan Rbe, are among 12 from whom Jamaica will choose their team to meet the Australian tourists here on Saturday.

Valentine, however, is a doubtful starter. He hurt his finger recently and may rest in order to be fit for the first Test of the series which begins a week later.

Rbe will captain Jamaica. Enthusiastic crowds made it difficult for the Australians to practise in the nets yesterday. They swarmed around them, presenting autograph books to players as they walked back to bowl and while they pushed up to bat.—China Mail Special.

## Club De Macao Programme

The following fixtures have been arranged by local teams against Club De Macao this week-end.

**TOMORROW**  
Macao 'B' v Dutch HC at Kings Park. Bully Off 2.30 p.m.  
Macao 'A' v Hong Kong Derby. Bully Off at Kings Park. Bully Off 4 p.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
Macao 'B' v Combined Services at Kings Park. Bully Off 2.30 p.m.  
Macao 'A' v Combined Services at Kings Park. Bully Off 4 p.m.







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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd. (by kind permission) on Friday, 25th March, 1955 at 5.45 p.m.

- (1) To confirm minutes of last Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Presentation of "Hong" Pairs Competition prizes.
- (3) Adoption of Balance Sheets and Accounts.
- (4) Election of Officers.
- (5) League entries.
- (6) Any other business.

R. B. MARSHALL,  
 Secretary.

**NOTICE**  
**HONG KONG CLUB**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 107th Yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Hong Kong Club will be held at the Club House on Tuesday, 29th March 1955, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,  
 K. W. KIRBY,  
 Secretary.

18th March 1955.

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## NOTICE

**HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.**

### Notice to Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 2nd floor, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 26th day of April, 1955, at 12 Noon, to receive the Directors' Report and the Statement of Accounts, to declare a dividend and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th April to 26th April, 1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
 ERNEST SAHMET,  
 Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Mar., 1955.

## NOTICE

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500,000 Partly paid up Shares of the nominal value of \$2.00 each

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of One Dollar per share on each of the 500,000 partly paid up shares has been made by the Company, and that such Call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on or before 30th June, 1955.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th April to 26th April, 1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
 ERNEST SAHMET,  
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Hongkong, 17th Mar., 1955.

## NOTICE

**TOLO HARBOUR FERRY SERVICE**

A Ferry Service between Taiipo Kau Railway Station Pier to Tap Mun will commence on the 20th March, 1955.

The ferry will call at various places on the southern shores of Tolo Harbour. The timetable and fares are as follows:—

**TIMETABLE**  
 Leaving Taiipo Kau Railway Station Pier daily  
 6.45 a.m. Direct to Tap Mun.  
 2.30 p.m. Via Ma On Shan, Shap Sze Heung, Lai Chi Chong and Tung Sam Ki for Tap Mun.

Leaving Tap Mun daily  
 8.30 a.m. Via Tung Sam Ki, Lai Chi Chong, Shap Sze Heung and Ma On Shan for Taiipo Kau Railway Station Pier.  
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 By Air  
 Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m.  
 Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.  
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 Macao, 6 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**  
 By Air  
 Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 9 a.m.  
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 Formosa, Canada, 6 p.m.  
 Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.  
 Japan, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
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 China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.  
 Formosa, 11 a.m.  
 Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C & S America, 2 p.m.  
 Macao, 1.30 p.m.  
 N. Borneo, 2 p.m.  
 Thailand, 2 p.m.  
 Indo-China, 3 p.m.  
 Malaya & West Australia, 1.15 p.m.  
 French Indo-China, 2 p.m.  
 China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.  
 Macao, 6 p.m.  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**  
 By Air  
 Philippines, Guam, Hawaii & U.S.A., 2 p.m.  
 Indo-China, France, 3 p.m.  
 Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.  
 Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
 By Surface  
 Macao, 2 p.m.

## 'TRIAL' OF COLONIAL POWERS

Paris, Mar. 17.  
 The French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, today told the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly he feared the Afro-Asiatic conference in Bandung next April 22 would turn into a "trial" of colonial powers.  
 He said the French Ambassador in Indonesia had already taken a "firm protest" against allowing observers from North African nationalist movements to attend the conference.

Behind her mountain frontier, Spain could remain intact even if the rest of Europe were overrun by new invaders.

## SPAIN'S USEFULNESS



In the last war, when Britain and America were ready to launch the counter attack against the hostile forces that had overrun Europe, three costly and hazardous seaborne invasions were necessary.

The landing craft went in on the North African shores. They went in under gunfire from the enemy in Italy. They went in on the Normandy beaches.

How different might have been the course of war, how much swifter the victory, if behind the natural barrier of the Pyrenees, Allied strength could have accumulated for the assault!

But Spain was neutral then. Now the United States is finding the strategic foothold that the Allies so badly needed last time.

Spain could remain intact even if the rest of Europe were overrun by new invaders.

Spain could prove the cornerstone of eventual victory, and with Gibraltar and Spanish Morocco, she provides command of the Mediterranean sea routes.

It is true that most Americans hate Franco's regime, but his unswerving hostility to Communism makes him an acceptable ally. That is why America is training officers of Spain's 400,000 strong Army, and why she is paying \$122,000,000 in return for the naval supply base at Cadiz and the five airstrips she is building in the country.

## KING FLIES TO MEET FIANCEE

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.  
 King Hussein flew to Akaba on the Red Gulf today to meet his fiancée, Princess Dina, who is coming from Egypt to visit Jordan.  
 Princess Dina will stay three days in Amman.  
 The marriage date has not yet been announced.—United Press.

## A PRINCE PREPARES FOR A THRONE 12-Hour Working Day And No Politics

Madrid, Mar. 17.

In a rambling ducal mansion overlooking Madrid's smart Castellana Avenue, a mansion with many American memories since it was the United States Embassy and Ambassadors residence from 1931 to 1948, Prince Juan Carlos of Bourbon, the fair-haired, athletic, 17-year-old grandson of Alfonso XIII and the British-born Queen Ena, has now started studies aimed at preparing him to become King of Spain.

When the boy's father, Prince Juan of Bourbon, and Generalissimo Francisco Franco talked for nine hours before a log fire in a farm house in western Spain on December 29 last to prepare the way for a restoration of the Monarchy in Spain, they agreed that a twentieth century King had to be trained to face twentieth century conditions if the Monarchist institution were to survive.

For a start, Prince Juan Carlos has a 12-hour working day, for he hopes to complete in six months the normal two-year study course for the entrance examination to Saragossa Central Military Academy, the equivalent of Sandhurst in England, West Point in the United States, and Saint Cyr in France.

### ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

In June, he will take his entrance examination to Saragossa, and if he passes, he will become last one of 600 "caballeros-cadetes" (gentlemen-cadets) learning to be army officers when the new term starts there in September.

Later from Saragossa in the Ebro Valley he will move to Madrid in green, damp Galicia on the Atlantic seaboard to study as a naval officer.

Then from the rain and mist of Galicia he will move on still again to the desert-dry air of Murcia Province where the Air General Academy of San Javier awaits in the brilliant Mediterranean sunshine, just 18 miles from the famous naval base of Cartagena and where he will learn the art of flying and air strategy.

Thus, in four years, he is expected to have acquired a basic

army, navy and air training. After that he will move on to the University and to a technical college.

At present, however, he is right at the beginning of this long road at the end of which stands a throne.

While Monarchists and Falangists discuss with some asperity the question of a restoration, and the bulk of the nation looks on from the sidelines, but apparently disposed to accept the return to Monarchy if this ensures political and social peace in Spain, as General Franco believes it will, the life of Prince Juan Carlos is wrapped up in algebra, trigonometry, military history, languages, and physical training. For to enter the Saragossa Academy, candidates must pass severe cultural and physical tests.

### START OF DAY

Prince Juan Carlos's day begins when he is awakened at 7.30 a.m.  
 There follows physical training, a shower, breakfast and at ten minutes to nine he steps into a small blue "Seat" car (a Spanish version of the Fiat 1400) with a red-capped police driver, which is at his disposal, and drives to the Naval Preparatory College in the suburb of Chamartin to study until 11.45. Then he returns to his

home for a mathematics lesson at 12.

At one o'clock, the morning studies end and he has a free half hour until lunch, at 1.30 usually taken with his guardian and preceptor, the Duke de la Torre. 67-year-old retired Army General with a reputation for being a stickler for discipline, and who is also a grandee of Spain, a title granted to Spain's highest nobles, and whom the boy's father, Prince Juan, has appointed as his representative to be in charge of his son's education and welfare.

Others of his tutors may also be at lunch. These are Major Emilio Garcia Conde of the Air Force, Lieutenant-Commander Alvaro Fontanades of the Navy, Major Joaquin Valenzuela of the Army, Professor Angel Lopez Arno, and the Marquis of Mondejar, who teaches the Prince riding and sport in general.

### RECREATION

At 2.30 comes the time of the day to which Juan Carlos most looks forward. He leaves in his car for a country-club known as the Club de Campo for a couple of hours devoted either to riding or golf lessons.

He jumps well under the expert vigilance of Major Valenzuela and his golf is improving steadily. He is also a good shot and several years ago took part in his first shoot.

At five o'clock, he has another class. Afternoon tea—in Spain known as "merienda" and usually comprising coffee and milk and biscuits until 9 p.m. He dines at 9.30 and must be in bed by 11 p.m.

On Sunday, after hearing Mass in the small chapel of his residence, the Prince usually spends the day at the country home of friends who have children of his own age. This Sunday excursion is the only social life which the young Prince has. His younger brother, Alfonso, aged thirteen and bubbling with high spirits, who is at a Madrid boarding school, lunches with Juan Carlos once each week.

The greatest effort is made to keep Prince Juan Carlos from becoming involved in anything which could be considered to be of a political nature. "No Politics" is the watchword of those about him. He had his brief moment of fame when he arrived by train from Lisbon and Monarchist supporters gathered on the platform to cheer him. Now he must study.

Each afternoon, sleek, elegant cars roll up to the Duke of Montellano's palace, where the Prince is living.

The main gates, massive wooden affairs, are shut. The visitors ring a bell at a side-door. A liveried porter admits them into the garden and they walk across the gravel to the house.

### VERY QUIET NOW

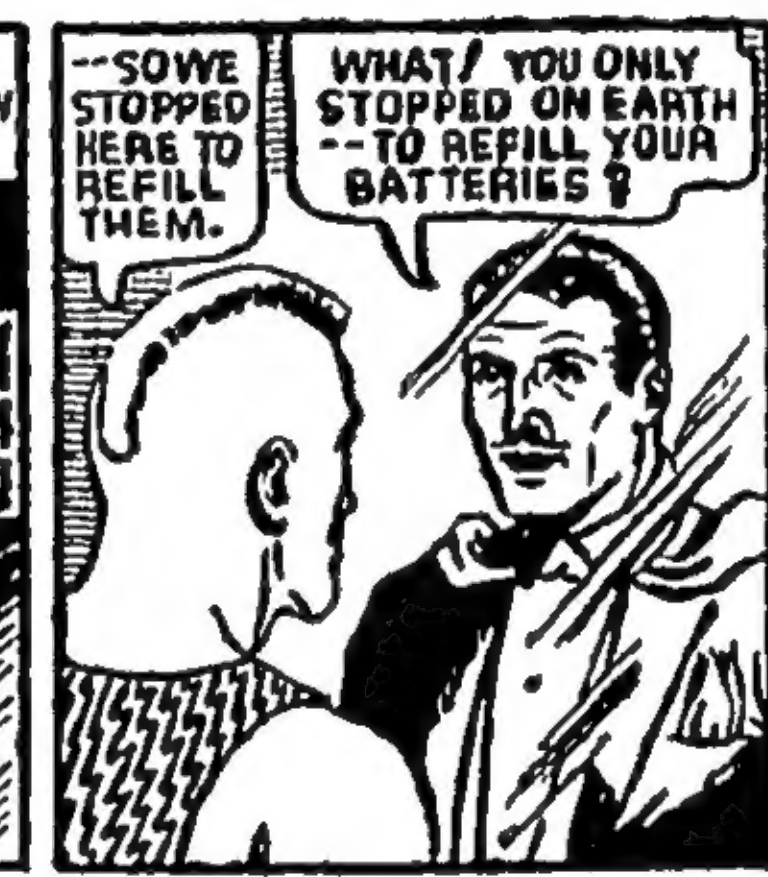
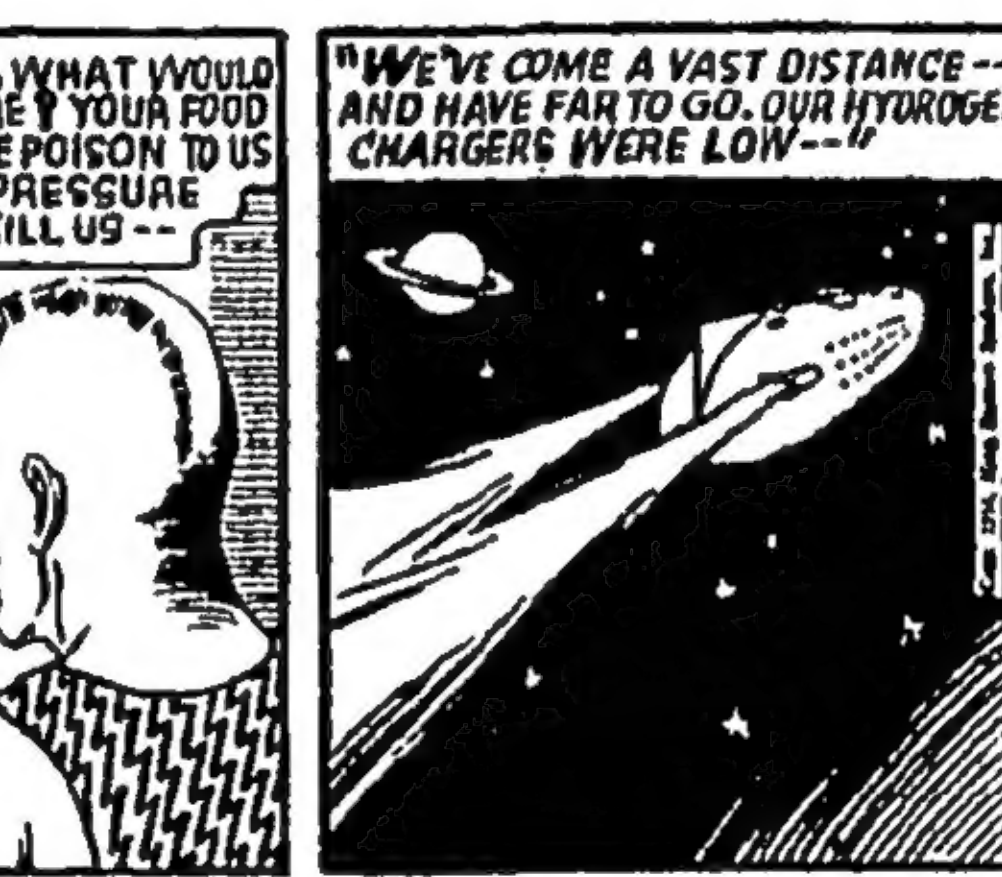
It is all very quiet now compared with the bustle and activity when it was a United States Embassy and well-known figures such as the Ambassadors, Mr. Claude Bowers and Mr. Carlton Hayes lived there. Now, the main entrance is closed and shuttered, and so are most of the ground floor windows.

Today, visitors, having crossed the gravel courtyard, ring again at a small side door. A footman in green tunic, black trousers and white gloves leads them to a small ante-room to sign the fat book, now three-quarters full of signatures of Madrid residents who have wished to express in this way their pleasure at the arrival of the young Prince. When they have signed, they are bowed out again by the footman.

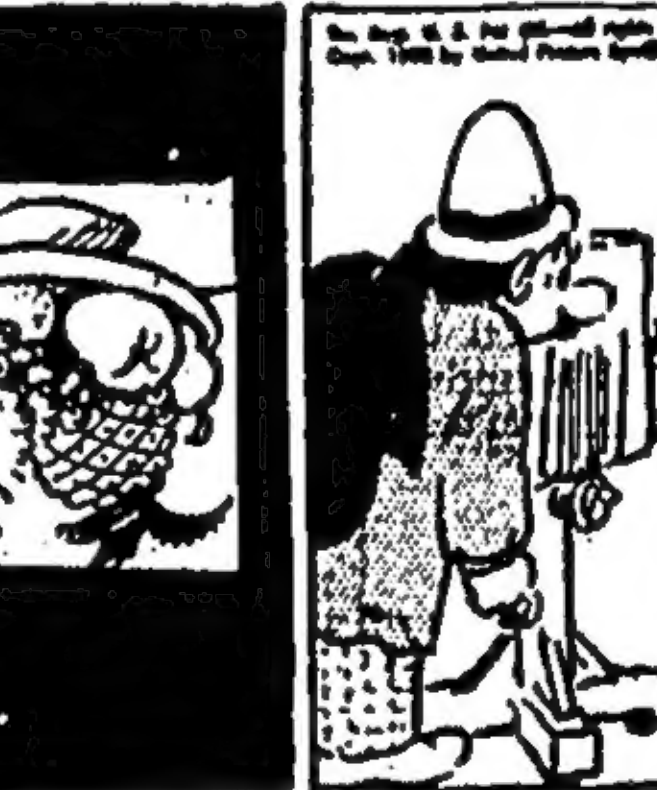
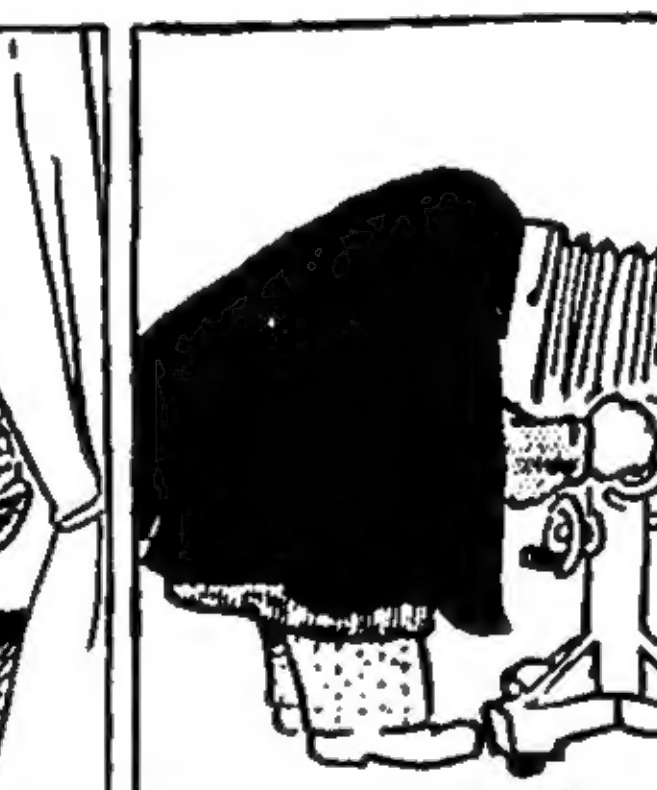
A member of the household explained: "As the Head of the Royal Family is not here, it would be incorrect for the young Prince to receive formal visits."

So the Prince studying in a library on the second floor, and his sympathizers on the ground floor never meet.—China Mail Special.

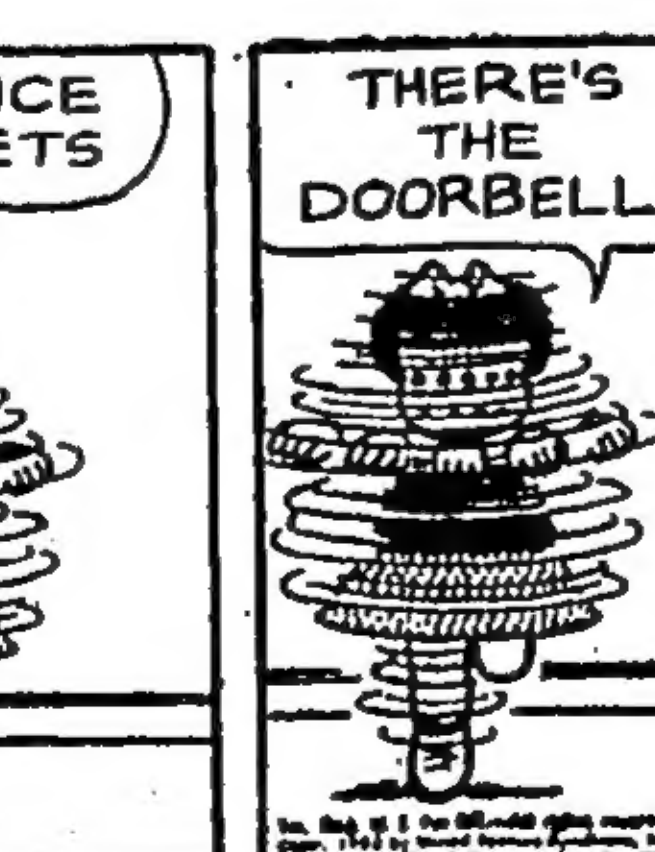
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# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

### Quietest Session Of The Year

New York, Mar. 17. A spurt in steel and two new merger candidates today delivered the quietest stock trading session of the year.

Prices for most of the session moved in a very narrow range with trading at the lowest pace since last Nov. 1, before the election boom got underway.

Near the close, however, steel shares spiked sharply, scoring gains of as much as 3 1/2 points in Bethlehem, 2 or more in Inland, Wheeling and Armco, and a point or more in US Steel, Sharon, and Republic Steel.

Earlier, Bethlehem and Youngstown Steel and Tube, which closed 1 point higher, had been sold heavily as the Justice Department emphasized opposition to their merger.

Two other merger candidates, Sperry Corp. and Remington Rand, provided some fireworks with trading active enough to force suspension of dealings in both during the afternoon.

### SHARPLY HIGHER

Remington opened on 11,000 shares, Sperry on 10,000, with both sharply higher following the announcement of a merger.

Sperry closed at \$50 1/2, up 1/2, and Remington at \$42 1/2, off 1/2. They were Tuesday's most active issues with Remington taking top spot.

Rails were up 1 1/2 cents.

Sale for the day amounted to 2,200,000 shares, compared with 2,900,000 yesterday.

Of the issues traded today, 529 were higher, 379 lower.

A few oil shares moved widely. One high-priced Superior Oil of California jumped 65 points to \$550, Houston Oil lost more than 20.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$2,820,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 790,000 shares.

Low-Jones closing averages today on Wall Street were as follows:

30 industrials ..... 405.22  
20 rails ..... 141.50  
40 utilities ..... 61.75  
40 stocks ..... 151.60  
40 bonds ..... 98.80  
Commod. future price index ..... 124.12

### YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Allen Inc. Aty.	Mar. 17	405.22
Allied Chemicals	194 1/2	
Alcoa	21 1/2	
American Airlines	25 1/2	
American Metal	50 1/2	
American Smelting	50 1/2	
American Tel. & Tel.	119 1/2	
American Tobacco	62 1/2	
Anacostia Copper	14 1/2	
Armco Steel	70 1/2	
Armour	14 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	41 1/2	
Bendix Aviation Corp.	112 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	13 1/2	
Beising Airplane	81 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Railway	20 1/2	
Coca-Cola	50 1/2	
Chase National Bank	50 1/2	
Chile Copper	25 1/2	
Chrysler Motors	119 1/2	
Commercial Credit	50 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	30 1/2	
Continental Steel	28 1/2	
Corn Products	25 1/2	
Cranes Co.	42 1/2	
Cuban American Sugar	10 1/2	
Curtis Wright	10 1/2	
Dupont de Nemours	10 1/2	
Eastman Kodak	30 1/2	
General Electric	30 1/2	
General Foods	30 1/2	
General Motors	30 1/2	
Gillette Safety Razor	30 1/2	
Goodrich (I.R.F.) Co.	30 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	30 1/2	
Homestead Mining	30 1/2	
International Business Machines	30 1/2	
International Harvester	30 1/2	
International Nickel	30 1/2	
International Paper	30 1/2	
International Tel. & Tel.	30 1/2	
John-Manville Co.	30 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	30 1/2	
Lockheed Aircraft	30 1/2	
Lords Incorp.	30 1/2	
Lone Star Cement Co.	30 1/2	
Minnesota Mining	30 1/2	
Montgomery Ward	30 1/2	
National Cash Register	30 1/2	
National Distillers	30 1/2	
National Lead	30 1/2	
New York Central	30 1/2	
Old Elmer's	30 1/2	
Pacific Gas & Electric	30 1/2	
Pacific Western Oil	30 1/2	
Pan American Airways	30 1/2	
Paramount Pictures	30 1/2	
Phillips Petroleum	30 1/2	
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	30 1/2	
Radio Corporation	30 1/2	
Reo Motors	30 1/2	
Republic Steel	30 1/2	
Shell Oil Co.	30 1/2	
Standard Oil	30 1/2	
Security Vacuum	30 1/2	
Southern Railway (Com.)	30 1/2	
Standard Brands	30 1/2	
Standard Oil of California	30 1/2	
Standard Oil of Indiana	30 1/2	
Standard Oil of New Jersey	30 1/2	
Staley-Van Camp	30 1/2	
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	30 1/2	
Swift & Co.	30 1/2	
Texas Co.	30 1/2	
Union Carbide	30 1/2	
Union Pacific Railway	30 1/2	
United Gas, Imp.	30 1/2	
U.S. Gypsum	30 1/2	
U.S. Rubber	30 1/2	
United States Smelting	30 1/2	
U.S. Steel	30 1/2	
Warner Bros.	30 1/2	
Westinghouse Electric	30 1/2	
Woods	30 1/2	

\* Subject to confirmation, United Press.

# Britain Losing Position As The World No. 1 Shipbuilder

## GERMANY LAUNCHES PASSENGER VESSEL

Hamburg, Mar. 17. Britain is losing her unrivalled position as "shipbuilder to the world." Struggling to beat her is Germany.

This fact was brought home strongly to Britons—and Germans—a fortnight ago when down the skids of a Hamburg shipyard slid a sleek new 10,000-ton passenger liner, the first passenger ship to be built in Germany since the war.

The men along the quaysides cheered. They had built the liner in sixteen weeks, two-thirds the time it would have taken Britain's proud shipbuilders to do the job.

It is this speed that has made the German shipbuilding industry great. Simply through hard work and sweat Germany's shipyards, smouldering rubble at the war's end, have become the world's biggest suppliers to foreign nations and second biggest ship-makers in the world. And today the fastest at building them.

As her shattered shipyards were rebuilt, making them the most modern there are, Germany has crept steadily closer to Britain's place as the world's leading maritime country.

In 1950 Britain built 1,325,000 tons of ships, Germany, 154,000 tons. Last year Britain was building less—1,409,000. By then Germany had almost overtaken by building 963,000 tons.

More than half her new vessels are for foreign nations. A third of Britain's output is sold abroad.

And even British shipping lines are buying from their go-ahead old enemies—simply because the Germans can supply more quickly.

A few weeks ago the Blue Star Line—one of Britain's biggest—ordered from the Germans three 12,000-ton refrigerated cargo ships worth nearly £4,000,000.

The Germans guaranteed delivery a year before any British shipyard could.

And within five years, some Germans are confident, Germany will be in the lead as shipbuilders.

Technicians pointed out that the unexpected heavy production reductions out of the Government's own stock, and failure of a buying plunge in the textile market to excite more interest, were the causes of some recent buyers to accept profits.

With Street, reported sales of around 10,000 yards of print cloth, yarn fabrics, cotton-unsheathed in Wednesday, at firm prices for delivery through the rest of the year.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	34,200	853,200
July	34,200	853,200
October	6,500	292,200
December	10,900	320,600
March	4,800	129,000
May	3,700	153,700
July	2,000	8,700
Total (all)	101,900	2,497,000

\* The above prices are subject to confirmation.

### NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	May	July	October	December	March	May	July
Spot	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25
May	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25
July	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25
October	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25
December	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25
March	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25
May	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25
July	34.47	34.77	34.13-15	34.24	34.25	34.25	34.25

Official values for spot cottons were unrecieved.

### SAO PAULO

Futures closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

May	July	October	December
20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30
20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30
20.30	20.30	20.30	20.30

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at ten designated spot markets was 55.05 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 11,150 bales—United Press.

## H.K. Engineering And Construction Company

The Directors of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd. announced that they will recommend to the shareholders at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 26, the payment of a dividend of 20 cents per share on fully paid shares and 10 cents per share on partly paid shares, all free of tax. In respect of the financial year ended December 31, 1954.

## TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$888,410. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

### SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSBC	200	180	120 @ 107 1/2
Yong Sang	200	180	120 @ 107 1/2
Yong Sang	200	180	120 @ 107 1/2
Yong Sang	200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### INSURANCES

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### DOCKERS, ETC.

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### LAND, ETC.

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### UTILITIES

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### INDUSTRIALS

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### STORES, ETC.

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### COTTONS

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### MISCELLANEOUS

Buyers	Sellers	Sales
200	180	120 @ 107 1/2

### NEW BUSINESS ENCYCLOPAEDIA

London, Mar. 17. A new work of reference is unlikely to excite the book world. But the appearance of the first edition of *The Chambers of Commerce Manual* should cause a big sigh of relief in the business world.

Here is a book that will make obsolete a good many others on the businessman's bookshelf. Rightly described as a business encyclopaedia, it combines in one volume of over 700 pages much of the information now scattered through a dozen "specialist" books that make up the ordinary office reference library.

Produced by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and published in London by United Trade Press Ltd at 50s., the Manual is especially useful to overseas businessmen.

### NEW YORK FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, Mar. 17. Canada—official—2.75-2.76/100.

England—official—2.75-2.76/100.

30-day futures—2.75-2.76/100.

60-day futures—2.75-2.76/100.

90-day futures—2.75-2.76/100.

South Africa—2.75-2.76/100.

Holland—2.75-2.76/100.

United Press.

### London Foreign Exchange

London, Mar. 17. New York—2.75-2.76/100.

Montreal—2.75-2.76/100.

Amsterdam—2.75-2.76/100.

Stockholm—2.75-2.76/100.

West Marks—2.75-2.76/100.

United Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

# Up Go The Shares Again As The Buyers Return

By A Special Correspondent

In spite of all the political and economic strains and stresses that have appeared on the Far Eastern scene in the post-war years, the Hongkong Stock Exchange has frequently exhibited a rather remarkable resilience. More recently it appears to have developed an immunity to the prevailing moods of gloom and foreboding which have gripped Asia in the wake of the recurrent crises.

To the north of the Colony, China has been a constant source of anxiety since the Geneva agreements were signed last year. Political instability has threatened to undermine the remaining vestiges of democracy in that area. Bangkok watches the machinations of her northern neighbour with apprehension and fear. Terrorism continues to blight the economic and political progress of Malaya. There are distant rumblings of discontent in Indonesia where the political and economic framework of the young Republic has undergone a prolonged period of stress.

Communist China stands like a brooding Colossus, massive and unpredictable in the background. And Hongkong is a tiny peninsula of hope and optimism on the very perimeter of this continent of ferment and tension.

To an extent—perhaps a large extent—its chief protection can be found in the prevailing belief that Hongkong has a definite function to perform as an important trading and industrial centre in this area, irrespective of the fortunes of its near and distant neighbours.

Hongkong's awareness of this function serves as a form of insulation, a protection against the besetting anxiety of a troubled world. Yet this is not to say that we are completely insulated, that the protecting hide is impenetrable to outside forces.

That we are insensitive to trends and developments around us, that we are conscious of the purpose led to any smugness or complacency, or apathy. Nor to any false sense of security.

The Colony stands poised ready to seize the initiative the moment it presents itself.

The Colony, too, is ready to take fresh encouragement at every opportunity. It thrives on hopes which it digests carefully, rejecting the superficial and the trumpery; it may languish occasionally but it never succumbs to fears.

In the weekly analyses of the Stock Exchange there is a reflection of this confidence. The Colony's business community, and the Stock Exchange were all too ready to take heart last week at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's annual report and its appraisal of the Far Eastern situation. This was the revitalising ingredient of the week.

### NATURAL REACTION

Activity has been restrained on "Change Alley" the enthusiasm of dividends; the shares rose up to the period of climax and the reaction was natural.

This week, however, investors decided that shares were reasonably low enough and yields sufficiently attractive to enable them to place new orders. There was renewed buying inquiry which caused most counters to show some improvement on their recent low levels. The exceptions were the heavier stocks which lost fractionally on the week.

The chief interest was in Hongkong Hotels and land issues. But utilities were also in demand and Trams, Lights, Electric and Telephones were sought at higher rates.

Telephone shares were slightly underdone yesterday, opening at \$31 1/2, rising suddenly to \$32 1/2 and gradually declining to \$31 1/2 at the close of the afternoon. The extent of their rise, however, can best be seen in a comparison with the price a fortnight ago when they were selling at \$30 1/2-30 3/4.

Electricity shares were also underdone yesterday, opening at \$31 1/2, rising suddenly to \$32 1/2 and gradually declining to \$31 1/2 at the close of the afternoon. The extent of their rise, however, can best be seen in a comparison with the price a fortnight ago when they were selling at \$30 1/2-30 3/4.

Business was done in the best of the following shares:

Share	Price
HSBC	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2

United Press.

### Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Mar. 18. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Share	Price
HSBC	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2

United Press.

### Exchange Rates

Business was done in the best of the following shares:

Share	Price
HSBC	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2
Yong Sang	107 1/2

United Press.

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"CHUSAN"	20th March	10th April
"CARTHAGE"	30th March	20th May
"CORFU"	27th April	30th May

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CANTON"	8th April	8th May
"CHUSAN"	2nd May	30th May
"CARTHAGE"	6th May	6th June
"CORFU"	3rd June	31st July

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London.

\* Also calls Marseilles.



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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### NARROW SEAS

STEVE'S job takes him to sea in the ships which sail the narrow waters round these islands, the shabby, small freighters that shuttle between Continental ports and our own.

He works down in their cramped, stifling stokeholds and in between watches, when he comes up for air or rests on his bunk, he falls, sometimes, to day-dreaming. He dreams that one day he will work in a long-run ship, whose schedule will put decent intervals of weeks or months between ports of call, instead of days.

For although, while at sea, Steve is a steady enough worker, trouble seems to lie in wait for him as soon as he sets foot ashore.

It happened so again the other night.

#### OVERLOADED

THE evening had started quietly enough, and Steve set off with confidence to cross the calm seas that lie between the docks and King's Cross that almost as if out of habit he visited a number of ports of call on the way, public-houses where he found friends and took on so much cargo in the shape of beer that he left the last with a dangerous list and his steering-gear hardly functioning. A policeman found him, in tow, and led him, to the station.

Someone there recognised Steve. "Ah, it's you," they said. "We've been wondering where you'd got to. There's that fine you should have paid last November."

#### SAILING

IN the morning, at the Clerkenwell court, Steve, a lean, tall man in a boiler suit, and an old sports coat, pleaded guilty to having been drunk the night before.

"There is also a mean test, sir," said the judge to Mr. T. F. Davis, the magistrate, "in connection with an unpaid fine of £1 last November."

Steve was asked to explain why the fine had not been paid. "The trouble was, sir," he said, "I sailed from here round to Loughlinham."

"When was that?"

"Just after Christmas."

#### IN THE TUNNEL

"BUT that means you had the whole of November and December in which to pay. What were you earning?"

"Between £7 and £8, sir, and my keep, and I would have paid."

"Well, why didn't you?" the magistrate asked.

"You see, before Christmas we was running to the Continent. It was a weekly boat."

"Where did you put in?" the magistrate asked.

"The Blackwall Tunnel," Steve answered, making it sound as though his ship doubled between voyages with a 100 bus.

"The Blackwall Tunnel's quite handy for here," said the magistrate. "You could have brought the money."

#### TIME TO DREAM

"CORRECT," said Steve. "I suppose you were hoping you could disappear and that they wouldn't find you?"

"Corr," Steve began, but checked himself just in time, and grinned.

"Pay 20s. on each of the two charges," said the magistrate, "or go in prison 14 days on each, concurrent."

"Ay, ay, sir," Steve said, and he shrugged and winked and rolled away to the cell that would be his cabin for a fortnight, to dream some more about the really long sea voyage that experience told him he needed if he were to steer clear of further trouble.

### Tidal Wave Warning Issued

Honolulu, Mar. 17. The US Navy at Pearl Harbour today warned all ships in the Hawaiian area of a possible tidal wave after a seismograph here recorded "what appeared to be a major earthquake" off Siberia.

The quake was located on the Sakhalin peninsula of Kamchatka off Polotsky across the Bering Straits from Alaska.

The California Institute of Technology in Pasadena recorded a "large distant" earthquake at 4:16 p.m. today (0010 GMT Friday) saying it was 4,000 miles in an unknown direction and of magnitude 0.8.

The observatory at Barber's Point Naval Air Station, Hawaii, said the tidal wave from the undersea earthquake should have hit the Aleutian Islands at about 4 p.m. (0200 GMT Friday). It said if the wave progressed at the expected intensity it should reach Midway Island at 7 p.m. and could hit Hawaii at 8 p.m. (0300 GMT).

James Baden, seismograph observer, said it was not positively confirmed that the quake would create a wave but the intensity of the quake indicated that the tidal wave would result. Mr. Baden pinpointed the shock at 53 degrees north 102 degrees east.

United Press.

## Turkey May Provide New Base For Britain

FROM DAVID BURK

Ankara, Mar. 17.

Britain is looking to Turkey for an alternative base to the Suez Canal Zone, I learn here authoritatively.

The main purpose of Sir Anthony Eden's postponed Ankara visit was for secret preliminary talks thereon as a sequel to Britain's joining the Turco-Iraqi Pact.

Britain's signature is already agreed upon and the British envoy, Sir James Bowker, met the Turkish Premier and Foreign Minister tonight to discuss the treaty's final draft.

An announcement will be made, I am told, by the end of this month in the three capitals—London, Ankara and Baghdad.

Since the Suez Treaty signed in October, British troops have been withdrawing from the zone.

Middle East headquarters have been set up in Cyprus, but this small, politically troubled island, 40 miles from Turkey's coast, has never been regarded as suitable for a full-scale military base.

#### DISADVANTAGES

Apart from size, it has all the disadvantages of islands: it is vulnerable and apt to be cut off in wartime.

The base Britain would like in Turkey is an area near the small outcrops of the province of Mardin which stands on a high plateau overlooking Turkey's eastern borders with Russia, Persia, Iraq and Syria.

Already several American-run and NATO air bases are in the area.

Britain's joining of the Turco-Iraqi Pact—America will follow in the next few weeks—will strengthen this new but growing centre for a Middle East defence that already, through other alliances, links Turkey and Iraq with Greece, Yugoslavia, Pakistan and NATO.

With Anglo-American support, the initiative and leadership from the Middle East, Egypt, are busily and optimistically urging Persia, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria into their defence network.

The Turks regard Lebanon and Jordan as reluctant, Persia as a promising outsider and Syria as a slow but hopeful starter.

They are also sure Egypt will ultimately be obliged to fall into line when she realises the alternative is complete isolation. —London Express Service.

### THEY HAVE NOW BEEN WARNED

Moscow, Mar. 17. The new Minister of Soviet State Farms, Ivan Benediktov, today issued a blunt warning to all farm directors under his charge that they will be prosecuted if their farms are in deficit at the end of 1955.

Benediktov added that he was giving farm officials 15 days to draw up measures that would increase the output on their farms.

Some 279 new State farms are being organised with 8,000,000 hectares of arable land.

Another 4,000,000 hectares are to be rendered arable this year. Thousands of specialists in mechanised farming will be sent to these areas and special schools are now training 65,000 pupils to drive agricultural tractors. —France-Press.

### Posted To Reserve Of Officers

H.E. the Governor has approved the posting of Major K.M.A. Barnett, formerly of the Artillery Battery, R.H.K.D.F., to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Reserve of Officers. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

### Honorary ADCs

The following have been appointed Honorary Aides-de-Camp. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: Lieutenant-Commander (S) M. Daniel, HKRNVR (vice Lieutenant E. G. W. Veldon); and Flight Lieutenant J. D. Williams, RAF, vice Flight Lieutenant J. Hutcheon.

### General Impressed By Parade

The smartness of a Chinese unit on parade this morning may lead to the enrolment of many more Chinese recruits in the local regular armed forces. General Sir Charles Loewen, C-in-C Far East Land Forces, promised this morning to consider the employment of many more Chinese. He had just inspected the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit at Lyennan, which gives a sixteen weeks' basic training to Chinese recruits enrolled in the regular forces for a five-year term, with the option of extension.

He saw three details on parade, one at drill, one doing an assault course and apparatus training under PT instructors, and one in the classroom studying English.

When passing through a barrack room he turned delightedly to a member of the press and exclaimed: "How's that for a standard? Have you ever seen anything like that?"

"GOOD FEELING"

On leaving the unit he said to the Commanding Officer, Major A.E. Pearsley of the Middlesex Regt: "I get a good feeling out of this unit."

Major Pearsley then asked the C-in-C if Chinese recruits could not be given a much more prominent part to play. They were extremely keen, he said, and liked the work.

The General promised to consider it and admitted that he was very impressed with the standard of the unit.

### Infanticide Charge

A 25-year-old woman, Tam Li-ching, of 2 Kwai Wah Lane, ground floor, appeared on indictment before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with infanticide.

The particulars in the charge alleged that accused caused the death of her infant daughter, Chan Mei-fong, by strangling her with a piece of tape on October 23 last year, but that at the time she had not fully recovered from the effects of child-birth and by reason thereof the balance of her mind was disturbed.

Accused pleaded not guilty. His Lordship asked Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, what was the Prosecution's attitude to the case.

Mr Mayne responded that it was a sad case, said he would consider the matter.

Accused was remanded to Monday for trial.

### Radio Hongkong

6.00 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.05 Children's Half Hour presented by Joan and Valerie; Talk on Sentences (Studio); 6.30 Popular Song Parade; 6.35 Weather Report; 7.00 Time Signal; 7.05 World News (London Relay); 7.10 Commentary (London Relay); 7.15 Special Announcement; 7.15 Ted Muller and his Piano Accordion (Studio); 7.30 "Viewpoint" A weekly magazine devoted to the Arts, Edited and introduced by Jack Tomblin (Studio); Books Reviewed by Conrad Wilson; "George Orwell by Lawrence Sanders" (Studio); 8.15 "Viewpoint" by Jack Tomblin (Studio); 8.30 "Long Ago" A dramatic reading from the novel "Fanny Hill" by John Galsworthy (Studio); 8.45 "Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests" presented by Alison Dolkes (Recorded); 9.10 "Dr Kwame Nkrumah" a personal portrait by Gerald Plange (Recorded); 9.15 "Café—Liane Sings with the Bopans" (Recorded); 9.30 "Record Round-Up" (Recorded); 10.00 "Radio News" (Recorded); 10.15 "Compass" (Recorded); 10.30 "Save The Queen" (Recorded); 11.00 Close Down.

### Hammock For Monkey



### Many New Appointments Gazetted

Mr B. C. K. Hawkins, Cadet Officer, Class I, has been appointed Secretary for Chinese Affairs. It was announced in the Government Gazette today. Mr Hawkins succeeds Mr R. R. Todd who has left the Colony on retirement.

Mr Q. A. A. Macfadyen has been appointed Commissioner of Labour, vice Mr Hawkins, while Mr P. C. M. Sedgwick has taken Mr Macfadyen's post as Deputy Commissioner of Labour. H.E. the Governor has approved the appointments of Mr Macfadyen as Commissioner of Mines, vice Mr Hawkins, and Mr Sedgwick as Deputy Commissioner of Mines, vice Mr Macfadyen.

ACTING DEPUTY DCA Other appointments gazetted today were: Mr O. F. Hamilton, Airport Manager, to be Acting Deputy Director of Civil Aviation; Mr A. G. Crook, Deputy Postmaster General, to be Acting Postmaster General during the absence of Mr Saville; Dr Graham-Cumming to be Acting Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services, vice Dr Utley who is on leave prior to retirement; Dr Teng Pin-hui to be Acting Deputy Director of Health Services, vice Dr Graham-Cumming; Miss Eileen O'Connell to be Nursing Sister (on probation); Mr D. R. Holmes, Cadet Officer, Class I, to be Cadet Officer Class I; Mr S. T. Kidd to be Assistant Secretary, Colonial Secretariat; Mr R. J. C. Howes to be Deputy Colonial Secretary, vice Mr Burgess; Mr D. C. Barty to act as Establishment Officer; Dr Cheung King-he to be Acting Senior Health Officer, vice Dr Teng Pin-hui; Mr A. P. Richardson to be District Officer, Un Long, vice Mr Wilson; Mr W. V. Dickinson to be Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry; Mr S. G. Dark to be Assistant Cashier, Kowloon Sub-Treasury. It was notified that Mr S. T. H. Stewart, Sub-Inspector of police, ceased to act as Assistant Superintendent of Police on proceeding on leave; and that Mr Watt Hoi-kee, Education Officer, ceased to act as Senior Education Officer on resumption of duty by Mr Burt.

ASSISTANT COLLECTORS H.E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Assistant Collectors of Stamp Revenue for the purposes of the Stamp Ordinance: Messrs S. G. Dark and A. P. Richardson.

Dr Chang Sing-bea has been appointed by H.E. the Governor to be a Health Officer for the purposes of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance of 1955. Mr R. H. Hughes has been appointed an honorary game warden for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Wild Birds and Wild Mammals Protection Ordinance, 1954. H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr W. C. G. Knowles to be a member of the Port Committee, vice Mr M. Y. Fiannee.

## 15 Years And Cane For "Dangerous Character"

Sentences totalling 15 years' hard labour was passed by Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Chan Hon-chuen, 26, unemployed, who appeared on two separate indictments involving four charges of robbery with aggravation. The Judge also ordered accused to receive 12 strokes of the cane.

The accused, described by His Lordship as a dangerous character, pleaded guilty.

The first indictment involved three counts. They were (1) that accused robbed Mr Stanley Alfred Broadbridge, schoolmaster, of a cigarette lighter, a cigarette case, a wrist watch, a pair of spectacles, a bunch of keys and \$300 on December 14 last; (2) that he robbed Mr Doo Luen-hee, of 152 Carpenter Road, of a wrist watch and \$32 and Mrs Elsie Wong Doo of \$120 on December 5 last; and (3) that he robbed Mrs Lucy Chiu, of the Medical Department of a wrist watch and \$16 on December 11 last.

In each count accused was alleged to have been armed with an imitation revolver.

#### POINTED REVOLVER

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, said that Mr Broadbridge was in his car, parked behind the Kowloon Post Office, about 11.30 p.m. on December 14 when accused boarded the car, pointed a revolver at complainant and told him not to move or he would be killed. He then drove the car to a lonely spot where he robbed complainant of the articles and money mentioned in the charge.

Regarding the second count, Crown Counsel said accused entered a car in which were Mr Doo and his wife at 6 p.m. on December 5. He pointed a revolver at them and drove the car a short distance before he dropped Mr Doo. Accused continued in the car with Mrs Doo and before he left he threatened that if a report was made to the Police he would at some future date attack Mr Doo's family.

In the third case, Mr Mayne said accused boarded a car in which were Mrs Chu and her three children at 10 p.m. on December 11. He pointed a gun at them but Mrs Chu managed to get out of the car. Accused then threatened to shoot the children inside the car and so forced Mrs Chu to re-enter the vehicle. He then robbed her and made certain threats as to what would happen to complainant and her children if a report was made to the Police. It was after accused's arrest that he was found to be in possession of an imitation revolver.

#### UNPLEASANT THREATS

Mr Mayne stressed that one of the more unpleasant features of the case were the threats made against the women and children of injury to them if they should report to the Police. Accused, said Crown Counsel, had previous convictions, dating back to 1947, for larceny, larceny, unlawful possession, breaches of expulsion orders and robbery with aggravation.

#### Admiral On A World Tour

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